Castello Banfi

The Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino is a classic wine from Banfi, representing the high quality and intense territorial personality of the Montalcino region.

Brunello di Montalcino 2021

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Located in the heart of Tuscany, the **Montalcino** region is renowned for producing some of Italy's most prestigious wines. This growing season was marked by unusually cold weather in April and May, delaying vegetative development. However, the warm and dry period that followed allowed the grapes to recover and ripen optimally. The sunny months of August and September contributed to the high quality of the harvest, resulting in very structured and flavorful wines.

The vineyards are situated on hills with low to moderate inclines, benefiting from diverse soil types. These include **clay sands of the marine Pliocene**, deep soils with abundant and calcareous stones, and gray-blue clays that are moderately deep and mineral-rich, helping retain humidity. The **trellising system** used is the spurred cordon and Banfi alberello, with a vine density of 2400 to 5500 vines per hectare and a yield of 65 quintals per hectare.

Winemaking

The vinification process for the **Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino** is meticulous, aiming to preserve the quality and character of the grapes. Fermentation occurs in temperature-controlled (25-30°C) hybrid French oak and stainless-steel Horizon tanks. This combination allows for precise temperature control and optimal extraction of flavors and tannins.

The wine is aged for at least two years, with 80% in **French oak casks (90-60 hl.)** and 20% in **French oak barriques (350 l.)**. This aging process integrates the tannins and adds complexity to the wine, resulting in a final product that is both powerful and elegant. The wine has an alcohol content of 14.5% and is best served at a temperature of 16-18°C.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Ruby red with delicate garnet highlights.
- **Aroma**: Intense bouquet with sweet notes of blackberry and blackcurrant, combined with floral hints of rose, adding freshness and vitality.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and powerful, with soft, smooth tannins well integrated with a marked acidity. The wine represents a synthesis of power and depth, making it both intense and elegant.

Did you know?

Castello Banfi is a pioneering winery in Montalcino, known for its commitment to quality and innovation. The first vintage of Brunello di Montalcino produced by Banfi was in 1978. Since then, Banfi has become synonymous with excellence in winemaking, setting a benchmark for Brunello di Montalcino.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef Wellington**: The rich, savory flavors of the beef and mushroom duxelles complement the wine's powerful body and smooth tannins.
- **Osso Buco**: The hearty, slow-cooked veal shanks pair beautifully with the structured and flavorful profile of the Brunello, enhancing the dish's complexity.
- **Wild Boar Ragu with Pappardelle**: The robust and gamey flavors of the wild boar are matched by the wine's depth and intensity, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Aged Pecorino Cheese**: The sharp, nutty flavors of the aged cheese highlight the wine's floral and fruity notes, making for an exquisite combination.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)

A beautiful red with cedar, mushroom and cherry character, as well as hints of sandalwood. It's medium-bodied and very polished with loveliness and finesse that comes through clearly. A wine to drink young, but will age very nicely.

94 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2019)

A refined and generous Brunello, exhibiting plum, cherry, strawberry and even floral flavors. This strives for elegance, achieving it with harmony and a line of fine-grained tannins on the lingering finish. There's ample fruit midpalate that resonates on the mineral finish.

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Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 93 Points (2019)

A rich red hue, the 2019 Brunello Di Montalcino is a touch shy on opening before revealing aromas of cherry pie, a hint of blue fruit coming through with violets, and anise. Medium to full-bodied, it has a pop of angular texture, chalky tannins, and a clean, lovely, tapered finish. This exceptional wine from Banfi offers a lot of purity and finesse.