



Castello Banfi

Castello Banfi's Brunello di Montalcino Poggio Alle Mura showcases the pinnacle of Sangiovese, combining rich tradition with innovative winemaking to produce a wine of remarkable depth and complexity. This vintage is celebrated for its robust structure and elegant finish.



Poggio alle Mura 2018

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Brunello di Montalcino hails from the renowned **Montalcino region** in southern Tuscany, an area celebrated for its unique microclimate and diverse soil composition. The vineyards of Montalcino benefit from **cooling Mediterranean breezes** and a varied terroir, ranging from **galestro (a crumbly marl)** to **clay and limestone**. This diversity in soil types contributes significantly to the distinctive characteristics of the wines produced here.

The vineyards are situated at varying elevations, with some located over 500 meters above sea level. This altitude variation allows for different microclimates within the region, fostering a unique range of expressions from the Sangiovese grapes. Castello Banfi's Poggio Alle Mura vineyard combines these ideal conditions, ensuring the optimal ripening and concentration of flavors in the grapes.

Winemaking

The production of Brunello di Montalcino Poggio Alle Mura involves meticulous care and precision. The wine is made from **100% Sangiovese grapes**, harvested and selected from the best clones identified through extensive clonal research initiated by the estate in 1982. The fermentation process occurs in **temperature-controlled stainless steel and hybrid French oak tanks**, maintaining a temperature range of **25-30°C** to preserve the grapes' delicate aromatics and flavors.

The wine undergoes **aging for 8-10 months** in a combination of French oak casks and French oak barriques. This aging process allows the wine to develop its complexity and smooth tannins, resulting in a balanced and elegant profile. After this period, the wine is further refined in the bottle before release, ensuring it is ready for enjoyment at its peak maturity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of **red cherries, plums, and violets**, intermingled with hints of **spices, tobacco, and vanilla** from the oak aging.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and robust, featuring flavors of **ripe red fruits**, complemented by **earthy notes, leather, and a touch of chocolate**. The tannins are well-structured, providing a firm backbone and a long, satisfying

Alcohol :14,60 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese



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finish.

Did you know?

Castello Banfi is renowned not only for its exceptional wines but also for its pioneering efforts in **clonal research** for Sangiovese. This research has significantly improved the quality and consistency of their wines, making them a benchmark for Brunello di Montalcino .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina:** The robust flavors of this classic Tuscan steak complement the wine's rich fruit and tannic structure.
- **Wild Boar Ragù:** The gamey, earthy notes of the ragù enhance the wine's complexity and depth.
- **Aged Pecorino Cheese:** The sharpness and saltiness of the cheese balance the wine's fruitiness and acidity.
- **Mushroom Risotto:** The earthy flavors of the mushrooms and the creamy texture of the risotto harmonize beautifully with the wine's robust profile.



James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2016)

Cool and perfumed 2016 Brunello with black cherries, flowers and crushed stones. Medium to full body with firm, chewy tannins, yet polished and very silky. Mineral and seaweed undertones. Just a hint of bitterness. Drink after 2023.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 95 Points (2016)

There's a lot going on in this bone-dry yet complex red, whose cherry, strawberry and plum fruit meshes with iron, tobacco, wild thyme and Mediterranean pine flavors, while the dusty tannins exert their presence on the lingering finish. Think hearty stews or wild boar ragù. Best from 2025 through 2043. 160 cases imported.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2016)

This wine represents a selection of fruit from vineyards near the property's postcard-perfect Castello, and it's often the most representative of the new releases presented each year by Castello Banfi. From a classic and balanced vintage, the 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Poggio alle Mura shows beautiful depth and balance with dark fruit, cassis, dried cherry, licorice, balsam herb and earthy tones. The wine is symmetrical, tight and elegant with long, silky tannins. This is the full Banfi package. Rating: 95 (+)



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