



## Il Poggione

Classic structure, impeccable balance and meticulous élevage promise graceful evolution—an outstanding cellar candidate from a highly regarded Montalcino vintage.



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96  
vincus



Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese

## Brunello di Montalcino 2019

Tuscany, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

Montalcino rises south of Siena between the Tyrrhenian coast and the Apennines, a **Mediterranean** climate tempered by altitude (120-650 m) and the protective bulk of Mount Amiata. Rain falls mainly in spring and late autumn; fog and frost are rare on the hillsides. Soils vary with elevation: lower zones are looser, while upper slopes show dense, stony decomposed **marl** and **limestone**—the classic mix that Sangiovese interprets as perfume, tension and longevity.

Il Poggione farms some of the commune's oldest sites around **Sant'Angelo in Colle**, a warmer sector that reliably ripens Sangiovese while retaining freshness thanks to altitude and wind exposure. Their vineyards for Brunello span roughly **150-450 m**, combining sun-bathed exposures with cooler pockets to build both fruit depth and aromatic complexity.

### Winemaking

Brunello is 100% Sangiovese (locally "Brunello"), harvested by hand. Il Poggione ferments with indigenous yeasts using a traditional **submerged-cap** regimen for 15-20 days at 25-28 °C, with malolactic conversion in stainless steel to preserve varietal purity and precision.

Élevage follows in large French oak casks (30-50 hL), a house signature that respects fruit while polishing tannins. The 2019 typically sees about **36 months** in large untoasted French oak, then extended bottle aging before release—well beyond the DOCG's minimum of **2 years in wood** and **4 months in bottle**.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, luminous ruby with garnet reflexes.
- **Aroma:** Red cherry and plum layered with dried rose, rosemary, cedar shavings, licorice, subtle cola, wet stone and autumn leaf.
- **Palate:** Medium-to-full bodied; sleek entry that builds to a core of ripe red fruits and savory underbrush. Tannins are velvety yet firm, acidity vibrant; a long, mineral-tinged finish with hints of tobacco and orange peel.



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## Did you know?

Il Poggione is one of Brunello's **historic** names, marketing Brunello as early as the 1900s and helping found the Consorzio. Today the estate spans mixed agriculture over ~530 ha—vines, olives, grain and woodland—reflecting traditional Tuscan mezzadria roots.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina** - Char-grilled Chianina steak mirrors the wine's savory depth; protein and char tame structure and amplify sweet red-cherry fruit.
- **Pappardelle al cinghiale** - Wild-boar ragù's gamey richness and herbs resonate with Brunello's earthy notes and firm tannins.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano** - Salinity and crystallized umami underline Sangiovese's acidity and length.
- **Porcini risotto** - Mushroom umami and creaminess echo the wine's forest-floor tones and silky texture.



### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 96 Points (2019)

*The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino pulls the taster close to the glass with its dark and earthy blend of crushed ashen stones, giving way to rosemary, cedar, exotic spice and a core of raspberry preserves. Enveloping and serene, this flows across the palate like pure silk, steadily building in tension as tart wild berries and orange hints give way to a sweet herbal thrust. The 2019 finishes with tremendous length and is classically structured, as crunchy tannins resonate and violet inner florals slowly fade over a tactile coating of minerality. Il Poggione has captured the radiance of the vintage, yet this is just a baby today.*



### Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)

*The Il Poggione 2019 Brunello di Montalcino shows an evolved bouquet with aromas of dried fruit, forest floor, crushed flower and autumnal leaf. On a second nose, you get dark licorice, wet slate, cola and grilled rosemary. The tannins are powdery and dry. I recommend a medium-term drinking window as a result. You do feel the powerful 15% alcohol content in this ample 200,000-bottle release.*



### Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2019)

*Features ample plum, cherry, iron, tobacco and underbrush flavors buoyed by a plump texture to match the dense structure, plus vibrant acidity to keep it all focused. Another year of aging should allow the finish to stretch out and this wine to reach its full potential. Best from 2026 through 2042. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.*



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