



## Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

Only produced in exceptional years from the very best grapes, the Riserva embodies the defining characteristics of classic Brunello. Aged in new cask for a period of three and a half to four years, this magnificent wine with its extraordinary harmony and elegance guarantees fine drinking for years to come.



Appellation:	<b>Brunello di Montalcino Riserva DOCG</b>
Grapes:	<b>Sangiovese 100%</b>
Vineyard:	<b>Central - south - east side of Montalcino</b>
Composition of the soil:	<b>20 cm stony sand over clay subsoil</b>
Altitude:	<b>400 - 450 m. a.s.l.</b>
Average age of vines:	<b>45 years</b>
Vinification:	<b>Large oak casks. 45 days of maceration on the skins</b>
Ageing:	<b>40 months in 500 litre new French oak barrels</b>
Refining:	<b>12 months in bottle</b>
Production:	<b>5680 bottles</b>

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**VINTAGE 2020****James Suckling – 94**

Roasted spices and berries with rich cherries and plums. Extracted and chewy, with medium to full body and a long but tight finish. Focused at the end. From organically grown grapes. Give it three more years to come around.

**Vinous – 95**

It is seamless and silken in character, with depths of ripe red berry fruits complemented by nuances of clove and cinnamon. There's a lovely inner harmony here.

**VINTAGE 2019****James Suckling – 94**

A spicy and smoky wine, showing deep graphite and black fruits such as prunes. Full of Mediterranean herbs as well as touches of bergamot and leather. Sour impact on the palate with medium to full body, firm and chalky tannins and a savory finish. Powerful with good aging potential. Try from 2026

**Vinous – 94**

Moody and intense, the 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva opens in the glass with an earthy bouquet that blends medicinal cherries with cedar shavings and confectionary rose. It's silken and pliant with a polished wave of ripe red and hints of blue fruit. A collection of fine tannins adds grip toward the close. The 2019 shuts down hard through the nish, structured and long, leaving a balsamic tinge of sour berries that add further tension.

**VINTAGE 2016****James Suckling – 97**

Extremely fresh and floral with clear blackberry and violet aromas that follow through to a full body with ultra-fine tannins and a long, linear finish. Purity, depth and structure to this. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but give it three to four years to soften.

**Vinous – 95**

Dark and youthfully inward, the 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva lifts up to show spiced plums and cherries in an air of crushed rocks, smoke, undergrowth and tar. The textures here are elegant to the extreme, velvety-smooth and weighty in feel, yet suspended by a core of brisk acidity. A densely packed wave of mineral-encased black fruits and spices saturates all that it touches, leaving a lasting layer of fine-grained tannins. The finale is dramatically long and structured, offering balsam herbs and hints of licorice and black currant. La Magia sources their Riserva from a parcel planted within their vineyards in 1974. It refines for 42 months in new 500-liter French tonneaux, which, in the case of the 2016, has integrated very well. The future is bright here, though patience is necessary.

## VINTAGE 2016

### **Wine Advocate – 93**

The La Magia 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva (made with organic fruit) is a bold and powerful wine with a full-bodied approach and a strong 15% alcohol. The wine is redolent of cherry liqueur, baked fruit and blackcurrant. Beyond that, it offers plenty of toast and oak spice with cinnamon, tar and licorice. The clarity of the 2016 Sangiovese fruit does break through, and that's what ultimately gives this wine its freshness and brightness.

## VINTAGE 2015

### **Decanter – 94**

The 2018 Brunello di Montalcino is smoky in the glass, with a blend of crushed rocks and savory spice accentuating dried black cherries. It's soft and round in feel, energized by juicy acidity that propels its mineral-tingled red fruits across the palate. A coating of fine tannins is left to reside, along with violet inner florals and sweet spice, through the long and dramatic finale. Finding a balance of potent fruit and structure is often the challenges of the 2018 vintage, yet La Magia pulled it off without a hitch.

### **James Suckling – 97 (Top 100 of 2020)**

Very pretty blackberries and plums on the nose with floral and lavender undertones. Medium to full body and firm, fine tannins that have layers of beautiful textures. So hard not to drink now, but will age wonderfully. Drink or hold.

### **Vinous – 91**