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2012

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

"They (2012s) are characterised by plenty of fresh acidity, red rather than dark fruit, alcohol that seemed well-contained, and firm tannins. It is also one of the smallest vintages in the last 50 years or so. In some instances, the compactness as well as the richness of the tannins made me think of the fiercely tannic Nebbiolo rather than of Sangiovese, and the majority of the wines will need considerable ageing. I would even go so far as to say that if you do not age this vintage, you will miss out on its future complexity as well as a much more hedonistic experience than right now. That this vintage is considered seriously ageworthy was emphasised by a producer who told me that in the long run the 2012s will easily eclipse the 2010s in ageing capacity." *Walter Speller*

"The 2012 Brunellos are characterized by impeccable balance, vibrant acidity and fine-grained tannins. They are not especially luscious or fleshy, but they are blessed with precise aromas and flavors of mainly red fruits, blood orange and minerals, and will prove very ageworthy." *Antonio Galloni*

"I recently had the great pleasure of tasting 44 of the finer examples from the recently released 2012 vintage and was thoroughly impressed – not least because these wines that combined concentrated fruit, tannin and an unexpectedly high level of refreshing acidity." *Jancis Robinson*

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Wine	Price/bottle (inc GST)
2012 LISINI Brunello di Montalcino (Due June/July 2017)	\$79.99
2010 LISINI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva (Due June/July 2017)	\$100.00
2012 IL POGGIONE Brunello di Montalcino	\$64.99
2015 IL POGGIONE Rosso di Montalcino	\$29.99
2012 CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA Brunello di Montalcino	\$79.99
2012 CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA Rosso di Montalcino	\$39.99
2012 GIODO Brunello di Montalcino	\$145.00

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2012 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino - \$79.99

Tasted blind. Healthy mid ruby. Fine, perfumed and focused nose with a little lift. Quite pure, concentrated and embryonic fruit on the palate. Great balance and style and with wonderful bite and length. 17/20 Walter Speller

"Lisini has created a very respectable expression of Sangiovese. The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino is rich and intense both in terms of appearance and bouquet. Aromas peel back with delicate layers of dark fruit, pressed rose petal, baking spice and grilled herb. The wine is not overtly rich or opulent. Yet, it delivers a steady approach in terms of mouthfeel and texture."

91/100 Wine Advocate

2010 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino Riserva - \$100

"The 2010 Riserva is an absolutely striking effort from Lisini, which impresses with its remarkable purity and elegant style. This gorgeous Brunello opens with alluring aromas of fresh red fruits, dried floral, and spices adding in a subtle hint of leather which begins to emerge with air. A beautifully made wine with remarkable overall balance, structure and precision. It continues to impress with its lovely refined, silky texture all the way through the long, pretty finish. The Riserva will require some additional time to fully develop, as this is ultimately an age worthy wine, which should continue to evolve gracefully over the next decade and beyond." 96/100 International Wine Report

"Leather, truffle, underbrush and spice aromas swirl around the core of sweet cherry and raspberry in this multifaceted red. Vivid and firmly structured, with a lingering aftertaste of mineral and tobacco. Austere now, but this should be fine in two to three years. Best from 2019 through 2033. 250 cases made." 95/100 Wine Spectator

2012 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino - \$64.99

Tasted blind. Subtle, earthy cherry on the nose. Very backward yet elegant and almost lithe on the palate. Perfect balance, very poised and yet with a muscular structure. 17/20 Walter Speller

"Good full red. Medicinal red cherry, raspberry, sweet spices and mint on the fresh, precise nose. Bright and sweet, with a penetrating, austere quality to its flavors of red fruits, minerals and medicinal herbs. Harmonious acidity nicely frames the pure, long, youthfully tight finish. Lovely young Brunello that will repay cellaring." 93+/100 Vinous

"Il Poggione is a Brunello superstar and a vintage like this reveals every reason why that affirmation is true. From the second the 2012 Brunello di Montalcino pours into the glass, you know you are in for something special. The wine is darkly saturated and rich in appearance. This is a healthy, generous and exuberant Brunello with dark density and succulent fruit flavors that are followed by integrated spice and tobacco. The balance is impressive and one thing you get here is fresh acidity. This is not to be underestimated, because the acidity quota in the 2012 vintage across the appellation is not as high or evident as usual. This is one of the year's best Brunellos." 95+/100 Wine Advocate

2015 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino - \$29.99

"The 2015 Rosso di Montalcino from Il Poggione opens with pretty aromas of red berries, rose petals, dried herbs along with hints of fresh minerals and wet stones. It possesses a medium body with a wonderful savory edge and refined structure, which is backed by silky tannins that carry on through the finish. Overall, a classic Rosso di Montalcino that should drink well over the short-term." 91/100 International Wine Report

2012 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino - \$79.99

"Tasted blind. Mid to deep ruby with orange tinges. Lifted, peppery and full nose, but not entirely open. Gorgeous cherry fruit tightly packed with tannins. Finely tuned like a sports car, if really tannic for the moment." 17.5/20 Walter Speller

"Canalicchio di Sopra is high on my shortlist of favorite producers in Montalcino. The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino is a sumptuous wine made according to carefully considered criteria. Every step of the winemaking process represents a selection of sorts, culminating in an expression of extremes. The precision, the focus and the pristine nature of the aromas cannot be exaggerated. It is such a pleasure to taste a wine of this caliber and distinction. Aromas of dark fruit and savory spice find seamless integration. Background tones of balsam herb, cola and licorice add a superior level of complexity. In the mouth, the wine is polished, fine and silky. The mouthfeel is thinner compared to 2011 and 2010. Otherwise, this is a fabulously elegant Brunello."

94/100 Wine Advocate

2015 Canalicchio di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino - \$39.99

"2015 can be considered a perfect vintage where Sangiovese succeeds in uniting the characteristics of freshness with those of power and concentration just as can only be done in Montalcino. As for all great vintages, we have decided to produce our Rosso di Montalcino from the youngest vineyards only, leaving the grapes in the vineyards that are over 10 years old to age a few more years in oak barrels in order to produce "Canalicchio di Sopra" Brunello di Montalcino and our Riserva. The youngest vineyards have a greater abundance of fruit and sweeter and silkier tannins even after a year of ageing in wood: for this reason, they are best expressed in Rosso di Montalcino. 2015 comes as an important Rosso di Montalcino in its structure and concentration, characteristics that may bring Brunello to mind. Tannic sweetness and depth are the characteristics of this Rosso di Montalcino, which will remain one of the most important versions ever produced at our winery." Canalicchio di Sopra

2012 Giodo Brunello di Montalcino - \$145

"Carlo Ferrini has now put three vintages of Giodo under his belt. This is the consulting enologist's personal property in Montalcino. Carlo felt the need to stretch his creative muscles and this avowed "Sangiovesista" set his sights on Montalcino. The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino is not as dense or rich as the two previous vintages released. This wine offers a subdued and streamlined personality that pegs it closer to classic Sangiovese without the exuberance - and irresistible controversy - that we can expect from this talented Tuscan winemaker. In fact, the wine shows little of Carlo's personal style that prizes density, opulence and concentration. Wild berry, pressed violets and spice rise from the bouquet. The wine is firm, delineated, muscular and powerful in terms of textural finesse. I feel confident of its aging potential. The mouthfeel will flesh out further with more time in the bottle." 94/100 Parkers Wine Advocate