

# BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO "FIOR DI MELILOTO" 2018

DOCG Brunello di Montalcino



## Wine Description

As the Cru name suggests, the wine is delicate and playful in the glass. White flowers on the nose, fresh and delicate on the palate. Wet stone reflects the Galestro soil in an elegant way.

Wine Type:	Still wine   red   dry
Alcohol:	14.5 %
Residual Sugar:	< 0.5 g/l
Acid:	5.8 g/l
Certificates:	vegan, organic, bio-dynamic
Allergens:	sulfites
Drinking Temperature:	15 - 17 °C
Aging Potential:	20 years
Optimum Drinking Year:	2023 - 2042

## Award

Winescritic:	93
Doctor Wine:	92
James Suckling:	93
Vini Buoni d'Italia:	4 stelle
Luca Maroni:	93
Sommelierlife:	93
VITAE:	4 Vitae

## Vineyard

Origin:	Italy, Toscana, Montalcino
Quality grade:	DOCG Brunello di Montalcino
Site:	Vigna Meliloto
Varietal	Sangiovese 100 %   26 years 5000 plants/ha   3000 liter/ha
Sea Level:	450 - 500 m
Soil	galestro limestone slate sand lime   little

## Harvest and Maturing

Harvest	handpicked   15 kg cask
Grape Sorting:	manual
Fermentation:	spontaneous with pied de cuve

<b>Malolactic Fermentation:</b>	yes
<b>Fermentation Process</b>	délestage   1 - 3 x day   Duration: 5 days pump over   1 - 1 x day   Duration: 18 days
<b>Maturing</b>	#1   100 %   tonneau   700 L   used barrel   12 month(s) #2   100 %   large wooden barrel   2000 L   used barrel   12 month(s) #3   100 %   concrete tank   2000 L   12 month(s) #4   100 %   steel tank   2000 L   12 month(s)
<b>Bottling</b>	natural cork   July 29, 2022   2660 bottles

## 7 Dynamic Brunello Crus

Hayo Loacker, inspired by the vineyard classification of Burgundy, began 10 years ago to closely observe the terroir and the growth processes of the vines on Corte Pavone in Montalcino in order to produce very individual crus of Brunello di Montalcino. After elaborate measurements with highly sensitive infrared sensors, dynamic micro-parcelling was carried out throughout the entire estate in various growth zones and from these, seven individual single vineyards of Brunello were defined - the "7 DYNAMIC BRUNELLO CRUS". The crus are dynamic because the final selection of the grapes within the single vineyard sites is individually optimized with new measurements at the time of harvesting.

### Curiosity

The Cru "Fior di Meliloto" (en. Sweet yellow clover) is appropriately named as the wine produced from this vineyard - the most flowery, fruity character of all the dynamic crus.

### Vintage 2018

Seasonal trend: winter characterised by average rainfall and some snow, which made up for the considerable lack of water. The year began with temperatures above the seasonal average, which lasted until the end of February, when there was a sharp drop in temperatures with snowfall that affected the whole area, and minimum temperatures reaching almost  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . There was some light snowfall and rain during March with minimum temperatures below  $0$  and maximum temperatures above  $15^{\circ}$  at the end of the month. In April, the month in which the buds opened, rainfall was sporadic and minimum temperatures were around  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , increasing suddenly from the middle of the month. Frequent and abundant rainfall in May, accompanied by high temperatures, allowed optimal vegetative development. Flowering began at the end of the month. Thanks to the significant humidity accumulated in the soil, the vineyards were able to withstand the high temperatures of June and July. Fruit setting was completed throughout the whole area by mid-June. There was a slight delay in veraison, which began in the second half of July. August was characterised by weak, intermittent rainfall in the first three weeks and average temperatures of  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Temperatures fell significantly in the last few days of the month, with minimum temperatures occasionally falling below  $12^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This led to uneven ripening, commencing from the end of August. There were some rainy days during the first week of September, with maximum temperatures of  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The limited amount of rain on the grapes guaranteed good ripening. Heavy rainfall and temperatures of around  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  from the second half of September forced the wineries to bring the Sangiovese harvest forward in order to ensure that the grapes were healthy. Product characteristics: the Sangiovese grapes were healthy. The average weight of the berries was medium-high and the wines produced were more elegant and refined, not particularly structured but with well-balanced tannins, evident primary aromas and clear scents. (Consorzio Brunello di Montalcino)