
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG 2020

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA



The Wine Advocate – Robert Parker:
93+ points

James Suckling:
94 points

Vinous:
94+ points

Kerin O’Keefe:
97 points

Jancis Robinson:
16 points

WinesCritic – Raffaele Vecchione:
94 punti

Italy’s Finest Wines:
95 punti

TASTING NOTES

THE WINE ADVOCATE – ROBERT PARKER

The Franco Pacenti 2020 Brunello di Montalcino offers a full bouquet with ripe Sangiovese aromas that embrace an earthy side with soft cherry and especially plump fruit. The wine offers a bright moment of freshness on the mid-palate followed by medium weight and length. My initial impression of the 2020 vintage is that it offers a lot of upfront intensity with enough acidity to count on a reasonably long bottle evolution. The tannins add a dusty note and are a little too tight at this early stage. Drink Date 2026-2035. (Monica Larner)

JAMES SUCKLING

Intense violet aroma with camphor notes, ripe cherries and raspberries. A little candied. The attack is firm, quite full-bodied, juicy and balanced. Powerful, due to the thick yet ripe tannins. It needs time to soften its stern nature. Drink from 2026.

VINOUS

The 2020 Brunello di Montalcino is impossible to ignore. Shavings of blood orange and sour cherries combine with rubbed sage and autumnal spice. It sweeps across the palate with ripe wild berry fruits and saline mineral tones, all offset by a tinge of sour citrus. Stimulating acidity keeps the mouth watering for more—even while edgy tannins saturate the palate—as the 2020 finishes long with notes of red plum and a resonance of tart cranberry. This is simply stunning and beautifully balanced for a long evolution. Drinking window 2026-2038. (Eric Guido)

KERIN O'KEEFE

The stunning 2020 Brunello from Franco Pacenti is the best wine I've had to date from this estate. It opens with balsamic aromas of eucalyptus that mingle with cedar, juniper berry, blue flower and spice. Young but already delicious, the palate shows intensity and finesse, delivering layers of wild raspberry, Morello cherry, cinnamon and licorice accompanied by taut, fine-grained tannins. It's young but well balanced, with fresh acidity. Drink 2029-2035.

JANCIS ROBINSON

Mid ruby. A little stalky on the nose with hints of smoke. Supple if not super-expressive on the palate but with the perfect dose of chewy tannins. Ready now. Drink 2025 – 2030. (Walter Speller)

WINESCRITIC – RAFFAELE VECCHIONE

Accattivante e decisamente terso nel profilo sensoriale mostra note di ciliegie, petali di rosa, ribes, lamponi e melograno. Tante sfumature di lime e bergamotto animano la scena secondaria fresca e vibrante. Copro medio, equilibrato e succoso nel sorso mostra tannini perfettamente maturi ed un finale progressivo che sposta la materia al palato con sicurezza e perfetto dinamismo. Meglio dal 2028.

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Aromi di prugna matura e ribes nero, seguite da delicate note di torrefazione, polvere di cacao fondente e un accenno di liquirizia. Al palato, il vino si distingue per un perfetto equilibrio, con una trama tannica concentrata che si alterna armoniosamente con le componenti sapide e fruttate. Il finale, lungo e avvolgente, ripropone chi di frutta nera e spezie, mantenendo una freschezza persistente.