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# BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG RISERVA 2015

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

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**The Wine Advocate – Robert Parker:**  
94+ points

**James Suckling:**  
95 points

**Vinous:**  
90 points

**Wine Enthusiast - Kerin O'Keefe:**  
92 points

**Decanter:**  
93 points

**The WineHunter Award:**  
Gold Medal

**WinesCritic – Raffaele Vecchione:**  
96 punti

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# TASTING NOTES

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## THE WINE ADVOCATE – ROBERT PARKER

The Franco Pacenti 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva (with 6,500 bottles made) is a dense and nicely concentrated wine with plush and rich fruit flavors. Blackberry, plum and wild cherry cede to spice, potting soil and blue flower. There is an underlying mineral component as well. Although this Riserva has integrated nicely in the six years since the harvest, the fruit feels fresh and youthful nonetheless. Give it a few more years in your cellar. Some 6,500 bottles were made. In addition to these wines reviewed here, Lorenzo Pacenti and his family are gearing up for the release of the single-vineyard Brunello di Montalcino Rosildo and the 2018 Rosso di Montalcino, which will both be bottled at the end of this year. (Monica Lerner)

## JAMES SUCKLING

A firm wonderfully silky red with plum, berry, cherry and walnut aromas and flavours. It's tight, very long and linear with tension and focus that goes on for minutes. Best ever? Drink after 2025.

## VINOUS

The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva from Canalicchio - Franco Pacenti lifts up with a captivating yet savory expression of Sangiovese fruit. Brown spices, mocha, tanned leather and undergrowth form up, showing only a hint of cherry-berry nuances beneath. Its textures envelop the palate in rich dark fruits, laced with saline-minerals, as brisk acids fight to maintain balance against a wave of grippy tannins. Hints of savory herbs and coffee grinds resonate, as this turns quite dry and chewy through the finish, making me wonder if its fruit can keep pace with the 2015's hulking structure.

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

Aromas of underbrush, coffee-bean, baked plum and menthol unfold in the glass. Full bodied and youthfully austere, the firm palate features dried cherry, espresso, licorice and sage set against enveloping, close-grained tannins that leave an assertive finish. Drink 2023–2028. (Kerin O'Keefe)

## DECANTER

It's a characterful Riserva with plenty to say, though it doesn't reveal everything all at once. It leads with peppery spice and heady dried florals, progressing to earthier tones of truffle and wet soil. The palate is full, showing youthful vigour, firmness of structure and a wood-driven chewiness. Pure black cherries are buried underneath. Drinking Window 2024 - 2036.

## WINESCRITIC – RAFFAELE VECCHIONE

Caldo ed avvolgente inebria nei sentori di prugne rosse disidratate, foglie di tè verde, liquirizia bagnata e terra umida. Corpo medio-pieno, tannini vellutati e gentili perfettamente spalmati nella matrice ed un finale elegante e classico figlio di precisione e gentilezza d'animo. Wow, emozionante la chiusura nobile decisamente elegante. Bevi ora o invecchia.