

## BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA MILLECENTO 2019





VARIETALS: 100% Sangiovese

## **OVERVIEW**

Castiglion del Bosco is one of the most prominent producers in Montalcino, both for the history of the estate and for its size, with 5,000 acres unchanged in the last 400 years. In 1967, when the Consorzio del Brunello di Montalcino was born, Castiglion del Bosco was one of its 25 founding members. This extraordinary property whose origin dates back to the 12th century is located northwest of Montalcino.

Millecento Riserva is the highest expression of Sangiovese from the Capanna vineyard. First released with the 2004 vintage and produced only in exceptional growing years, this Brunello Riserva is the fruit of a meticulous selection of estate-grown grapes—the most classic expression of our Sangiovese. Elegance, character, and persistence make Millecento a wine for the ages.

## WINEMAKING

Brunello Riserva Millecento 2019 was harvested from mid-September to the beginning of October and spent 22 days with prolonged maceration in stainless steel tanks. The wine matured for 36 months in 30hl French oak barriques, followed by 6 months in unglazed cement conical vats. The wine was then aged in bottle for 24 months. The entire vinification process is gravity-fed and carried out in Castiglion del Bosco's cellar.

The barrel aging emphasized the characteristics of the vintage, enhancing the Sangiovese aromas, wonderful balance, and superb tannins. A great acidity supports the superb aging potential.

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Blueberries with violets, dark olives and a touch of charcoal. The palate has voluminous, pretty fruit restrained by some tight yet polished tannins. Concludes compact and firm. Best after 2026.

96+ POINTS VINOUS Black tea mixes with wilted violets, blood orange and dried strawberries as the layered and complex 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Millecento blossoms in the glass. This is a model of elegance, silken and seamless yet lifted and spry. Mineral-drenched red berry fruits and hints of citrus swirl beneath an air of violet inner florals. The finish is spicy and long with sweet tannins and a sensation of liquid stone. Echoes of lavender slowly fade.

95 POINTS JEB DUNNUCK The deep ruby red 2019 Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva Millecento 1100 is layered with aromas of grenadine, sanguine iron-rich earth, blood orange, and toasted spices. Medium to full-bodied, it offers a weightless feel on the palate, with ripe and supple tannins, even acidity, and notes of polished leather and saline on the finish. It has a seamless, balanced feel and is drinking well now, but it will go the distance over the coming 20 years.

94 POINTS Lobut lukey In a heavy glass bottle, the Castiglion del Bosco 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Millecento 1100 is a bold, determined and richly concentrated expression, as you might expect judging a book by its cover. I always find that the 2019 vintage delivers heavier fruit weight, and that definitely seems to be the case here. Blackberry fruit is surrounded by sweet tobacco, brandied plum and barbecue pit. If you go bold, go bold with this wine. 20,000 bottles were released.

94 POINTS Wine Spectator A darker expression than many of its peers, this red evokes black cherry, blackberry, truffle, autumn woods and menthol flavors, plus hints of spices. Reminiscent of a Burgundy with a few years age. Shows fine balance and length. Best from 2028 through 2045.