



## Brunello di Montalcino 'La Mannella'

Country:	Italy	Region:	Tuscany
Type:	Red	Varietal:	Sangiovese
Format:	6 x 750ml		

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Speculative			

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### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Dark garnet

**Aroma:** Dark fruit and spice, with hints of garden herbs.

**Taste:** A medium to full-bodied wine with notes of dark berries and minerality. Fine, balanced tannin with a long, smooth finish.

**Food:** This wine pairs best with a substantial meal, such as lamb leg with rosemary, roast pheasant or wild boar pappardelle.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2019 ~ 98 Points. "Sangiovese from a 1,000-foot high hill to the north and an even higher elevation of 1,150 feet on the region's coolest southeastern side spawned this luxurious red. Lightly veiled without density or edge, notes of coffee, cocoa, roses, and peonies are captured and refreshed by the acid structure of the wine, which spent 36 months in large, tightly grained Slavonian oak. Its accessibility for drinking now is remarkable, yet its longevity is undeniable." - The SOMM Journal, Jun/2025

2019 ~ 95 Points. "To the north of Montalcino, La Mannella is situated in one of the coolest corners of the zone. Plots sits at 270 metres, where the soil alternates from yellow to red, then brown clay and finally river stones. Tight and flinty to begin with, it then reveals a gorgeous purity of lilac and orange florals. Precise and well-sculpted, the palate presents a black cherry backdrop framed by powdered, textured tannins which creep up and build to quite an assertive grasp while remaining polished and elegant. Lovely spaciousness and freshness here." - Decanter, Nov/2023

2019 ~ 94 Points. "Pretty sweet-berry and cherry aromas with hints of cedar and crushed stones. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Tight and refined. Give it two or three years to open. Best after 2026." - James Suckling, Sep/2023

2019 ~ 90 Points. "The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino is darkly floral with a dusting of sweet spice and dried flowers giving way to black cherries. It's soft textured and round with pretty wild berry fruits that swirl over a stream of lively, juicy acidity. This finishes gently tannic and with medium length, leaving violet inner florals and hints of cocoa to linger." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2023

2019 ~ 90 Points. "Ripe and inviting, the 2019 Brunello Di Montalcino La Mannella displays a ruby color and opens in the glass to notes of raspberries, a touch of blue fruit, candied flowers, menthol, and sweet herbs. Medium to full-bodied, it is easygoing and open on the palate, with supple tannins, a rounded mid-palate, a soft cushion of fruit, and mineral undercurrents. It's a very elegant and graceful wine with a pliant texture, and although it's very well made, I think it's in its prime window for drinking over the mid- and near-term. Drink 2024-2028." - Jeb Dunnuck, Feb/2024

2018 ~ 95 Points. "The nose recalls an October day, as an autumnal earthiness mingles with the density of dark chocolate and the spice of anise, and the last of the summer's stone fruit. On the palate, the chocolate grows sweeter as Halloween approaches, but earthy, bitter notes persist through the astringent, chalky, tannic finish." - Danielle Callegari - Wine Enthusiast, Dec/2023

2018 ~ 94 Points. #37 of Vine Pair's Top 50 Wines of 2023. "This Brunello di Montalcino from third-generation family winery Cortonesi is a textbook example of the Tuscan red's ageability; you could cellar it for decades or enjoy it now after decanting. The wine opens with flavors of cherries, strawberries, and earth, framed by grippy tannins. It's very food friendly, too, and would be stellar with a heaping plate of chicken parm. Since the '70s the Cortonesi family has been managing 138 acres of land in Italy's historic Montalcino region, including 19 acres dedicated to producing the world-class Brunello clone of Sangiovese. The family's decades of experience and the estate's distinct terroir come through in this elegant wine. The beauty of this bottle is in its expressiveness. It takes some time to open up, but when it does, the nose brings aromas of red fruit, herbs, and spices. The palate has Brunello's signature intensity, with dark fruit, grippy tannins, and a striking acidity. This wine can continue to age beautifully for decades, but can also enjoyable now with some decanting." - VinePair, Nov/2023

2018 ~ 93 Points. "A flavorful Brunello with aromas of bramble berries, strawberries, sage, chicory root and basil. It's full-bodied with fine, velvety tannins. Lovely creamy texture and intensity, with a fresh and balanced finish. Drink from 2024." - James Suckling, Nov/2022

2018 ~ 93 Points. "Generous and ripe aromas of pressed purple flowers, baked strawberries, blue fruit, sweet herbs, and fresh forest floor jump from the glass of the 2018 Brunello Di Montalcino La Mannella. Full-bodied, its ample fruit is evenly balanced through the palate, with ripe tannins and a fresh mineral texture. It offers notes of fresh leather, ripe cherry, cedar, and warming spices throughout, with its perfume lasting long after the wine is gone. It is a lovely wine to drink over the next 10-15 years." - Jeb Dunnuck, Mar/2023

2018 ~ 93 Points. "The Cortonesi 2018 Brunello di Montalcino La Mannella is similar to the Poggiarelli in terms of brightness and fruit wealth, yet this wine is perhaps more savory, spicy and accessible. It offers a velvety, medium to full-bodied texture with lingering tones of campfire ash and leather. The differences between the two wines are not that big, but this is marked in that one respect. This is also a much larger production of 25,000 bottles." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Mar/2023

2018 ~ 92+ Points. "Wild and herbal in the glass, the 2018 Brunello di Montalcino La Mannella wafts up with a smoky mix of dried strawberries, rosemary and hints of animal musk. This is seamlessly silky with medium-bodied weight and a polished mix of red and black fruits. Its acidity maintains a lovely freshness, as the 2018 finishes structured with fine tannins and long, leaving hints of licorice and currants to linger on. What a beauty. Of note, in 2018 La Mannella benefited from the addition of the old-vine fruit that would typically be

## OTHER INFO

La Mannella is the history of Brunello in a bottle. Grown in rocky soil in favourable sun, the wine rests in 30hl Slavonian oak barrels for 40 months, then is aged in the bottle for 6 months.



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