



## Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 'La Mannella'

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

BC	AB	SK	MB
+394927			
Speculative			

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### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Saturated, dark red

**Aroma:** Aromas of dark berries, leather and rose.

**Taste:** Rich and smooth, with notes of red berry and cocoa. Medium bodied with fine tannin and a juicy finish.

**Food:** Pairs beautifully with lamb chops, portobello mushroom steaks, or gamey meats.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2016 ~ 96 Points. "Sweet berry, cherry and orange-peel aromas with hints of flowers, following through to a medium body with firm, silky tannins and a juicy finish. Lovely fine tannins that run the length of the wine and give it energy and a refined structure. Better after 2023, but already a beauty." - James Suckling, Nov/2021

2016 ~ 95+ Points. "Only made in the best years, the Cortonesi 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva La Mannella is a wine that makes its special Riserva status very clear. Released with one more year of age after a Brunello annata, Riserva can be distinguished by more oak aging or by the selection of fruit used. In this case, the wine's identity is closely linked to the La Mannella parcel, which has old vines that deliver freshness and structure. This wine is broad and fleshed out with lots of softness and extra richness between the lines." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Feb/2022

2016 ~ 95 Points. "Made with grapes hailing from 37-year-old vines and aged in large Slavonian casks, this classically crafted wine has aromas of ripe black-skinned fruit, violet, sunbaked earth and new leather. The full-bodied palate features juicy Morello cherry, licorice and chewing tobacco framed in tightly wound, refined tannins while fresh acidity keeps it balanced. It's still youthfully austere, so give it time to fully develop. Drink 2026–2036." - Wine Enthusiast, Apr/2022

2016 ~ 94 Points. "Boasts bright black cherry, blackberry, plum, iron and underbrush aromas and flavors, which are backed by a spine of assertive tannins. Though tight and compact on the finish, there is lingering fruit to strike an overall equilibrium. Best from 2025 through 2042." - Wine Spectator, Jun/2022

2016 ~ 93 Points. "Tommaso Cortonesi prefers to make site-specific wines, bottling the estate's two vineyard areas separately. In superior vintages, a Riserva is selected from Cortonesi's oldest plots in La Mannella, which sits close to the revered Montosoli hill. After long ageing in 30-hectolitre Slavonian oak casks, the 2016 is sombre and stern in its delivery and will need more time to yield. Imbued with cocoa, flint and tobacco, it is a sinewy Brunello with stuffing but no extra fat. Very concentrated in steely acidity, this shows the vintage's underlying freshness." - Decanter, Nov/2021

2016 ~ 93 Points. "The 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva La Mannella is dark and inward, offering smoky notes of dried cherries, roses, leather strap and hints of camphor. It's rich and velvety-smooth, with mineral-tinged red berries and savory spices that flesh out across the palate. It leaves a salty flourish, along with notes of licorice and tobacco, and residual acids maintain a lovely freshness in spite of the web of fine tannins that resonate throughout. I don't believe that this is superior to the straight Brunello in 2016; it's simply a rendition that will perform better over a longer period of time." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Dec/2021

## OTHER INFO

Only made in the most exceptional years, the Cortonesi Brunello Riserva is aged 4-5 years in oak, then aged in the bottle for 10 months.



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