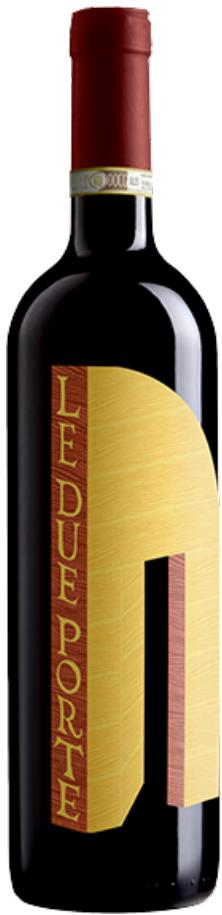




Il Palazzone Brunello di Montalcino 'Le Due Porte'



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

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TASTING NOTES

Colour: Medium garnet.

Aroma: Immensely complex: ripe cherries but also dark berries, typical herbaceous notes, floral notes of violets but also balsamic notes. All in all the aromas have a certain freshness, like the cooling evening breezes drifting up from the valley below the Le Due Porte vineyard.

Taste: The fruitiness of the berries repeat on the palate accompanied by a mouthwatering juiciness that balances the tannins and makes this wine very enjoyable, even when enjoyed in its youth. This wine is so elegant and distinguished that it is almost an understatement. It will age beautifully and reward us with more and more aromas as it comes into its power. The very long finish - and the hint of dark chocolate - are proof of that.

Food: Try a filet steak or venison cooked sous vide; or if you love seafood, try pairing with tuna tataki, just avoid anything too spicy.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2018 ~ 94 Points. "The fragrant 2018 Brunello Le Due Porte from Il Palazzone opens with heady scents of blue flower, graphite, camphor, wild berry and spice. Made from grapes hailing from the Le Due Porte vineyard situated 540m above sea level, on the elegantly structured palate, taut, fine-grained tannins and bright acidity accompany raspberry compote, wild strawberry, mocha and flinty mineral before a bitter almond close." - Kerin O'Keefe, Oct/2023

2018 ~ 93 Points. "Dusty and floral, the 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Le Due Porte captivates with a delicate bouquet that keeps the taster working to explore its depths of wild blueberries, strawberries, violet pastille and sweet smoke. This is a model of purity and refinement. Juicy acidity and pretty red and blue fruits swirl throughout. Fine tannins amass through the finish, combining with orange and a black tea-like bitter twang as the 2018 tapers off long yet nuanced and only lightly structured. Il Palazzone did a fantastic job of culling the beauty of the vintage and capturing it in bottle. Masterfully done." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2023

2018 ~ 93 Points. "The Il Palazzone 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Le Due Porte delivers candied fruit, licorice and a cooking spice with earthy and green overtones like tarragon or rosemary. Dark fruit flavors and powdery tannins wrap over the palate but are not too drying. The bouquet is fluid and complex and very pretty too, but this wine shows a direct and accessible personality overall. This is a limited release of just 2,382 bottles." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Dec/2023

2018 ~ 92 Points. "Savory berries, nutmeg, sweet spices, vanilla and some orange citrus on the nose. The juicy, medium-bodied palate underscores the fresh acidity, the fluidity of fruit and lengthy finish. Long and elegant, with fine, round tannins. Already approachable now, but better in a year or two." - James Suckling, Sep/2023

2016 ~ 94+ Points. "The bouquet on the 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Le Due Porte is simply stunning, wafting up with dusty rose, incense and cloves before giving way to dried strawberries and lavender. This is elegance personified, gliding across the palate with velvety textures while ushering in mineral-laced red berries and violet-tinged inner florals. Though it's structured and geared for the cellar, there's a purity here that mixes with the residual acids to create a remarkably fresh impression, as hints of licorice and sour cherry fade. Now in its second vintage, Le Due Porte, a cru bottling from Il Palazzone's highest-elevation vineyard, shows tremendous potential." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Dec/2021

2016 ~ 94 Points. "Blackberry, blueberry and orange blossom aromas. Full-bodied with fine, creamy tannins and crunchy fruit. Flavorful and fine with a lovely length. Drink or hold." - James Suckling, Aug/2022

2016 ~ 93 Points. "This wine is held back for an additional year before its commercial release, and in fact, this is only the second bottling from this vineyard. The Il Palazzone 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Le Due Porte occupies a place somewhere between fading primary fruit intensity and the onset of savory tertiary characteristics. It's not old and it's not new, but given that it's being released six years after the harvest, you can expect that additional complexity that comes with cellar age. On the palate, this wine offers some dry tannins and a mid-weight close. I recommend a short to mid-term drinking window. A limited 2,226 bottles were produced." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Feb/2022

OTHER INFO

Le Due Porte is the historical name of the vineyards that surround Il Palazzone's cellar, very close to the town of Montalcino. Vintage 2015 was the first bottling of Brunello made exclusively using fruit from this special vineyard. At an elevation of 540m above sea level budbreak is later here, often avoiding issues with late frosts and snow. Ripening is slow and constant. The soil profile preserves humidity; important when making a wine such as Brunello that does not receive irrigation. Le Due Porte is generally picked two weeks later than Il Palazzone's other vineyards, and is amongst the last in Montalcino to be harvested. The grapes develop organoleptic complexity from that extra hang-time and from the pronounced difference between day and night temperatures. In fact the altitude guarantees extreme thermal excursion even in hotter years which is wonderful for aromatic development.



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