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Tasting Report Brunello di Montalcino Sesta di Sopra

Brunello di Montalcino 2005

This is a layered and fresh 2005 Brunello, with dried fruits, sweet tobacco and cedar character. Full and very silky. Makes me want to drink. I always love this tiny producer's Brunellos.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2006

Amazing aromas of blackberries, sandalwood and dried flowers. Full body, with chewy tannins and a powerful mouth feel of loads of fruit. Love the wet earth, meat and dark fruits. Needs another three to four years to soften.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2007

Beautiful aromas of strawberries and flowers, follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a chewy finish. Needs time to soften. Delicious wines from here. Better in 2014.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2008

A solid and chewy wine with layers of ripe tannins and cherry, chocolate character. Full and rich. A little disjointed now. Better in 2014.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2009

This is a bit meager compared to many of the other 2009 Brunellos I tasted. Medium body, fine tannins and a short finish. This is a little disappointing considering the normal high quality of this producer. Drink now.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2010

A beautiful red with berry, chocolate and plum aromas. Iodine and oyster-shell undertones. It's full-bodied and dense with a beautiful depth of fruit and richness. Firm, fine tannins. Need four to five years of bottle age to soften.

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***Brunello di Montalcino 2010,
Riserva***

Complete and complex Brunello with plum, floral and dried meat aromas and flavors. Full body, silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Salty and savory. Drink or hold.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2011

Very fine and delicate with a dense and compacted palate, fine tannins with dark chocolate and stone undertones. Extremely elegant yet structure. Drink now or hold.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2012

Beautiful aromas of raspberries, strawberries and flowers. Very intense and focused. Full-bodied, silky and flashy with lots of fruit and firm and tight tannins. Needs time to open but already fantastic. Drink in 2020.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2013

A red with plenty of ripe and floral fruit on the nose as well as orange peel and cherry. Full body, linear and very fine with beautiful fruit. White pepper, too. Shows energy. Drink in 2021.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2014

This has some lighter maraschino cherry aromas with a fresh, supple palate that delivers light red-fruit flavors in easygoing style. Ready now.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2015

Beautiful ripeness, but also balance on the nose, which features cinnamon, dried cedar, dried plums, dark chocolate and licorice. Expansive and comprehensive on the palate with outward-veering tannins and lots of treacle-tart undertones. Chewy and decadent. Drink from 2025.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2015,
Riserva

Lots of richness and depth to this with superb aromas and flavors. High intensity. Notes of clove, sandalwood and cedar mingle with walnuts and dried violets. Crushed gravel, too. This has juicy black cherries, vanilla and more cloves on the palate. Full body and firm yet refined tannins. Drink from 2023.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2016

This has a ripe, polished nose with plenty of ripe plums, cedar, sandalwood and toffee. It's full-bodied with firm, drying tannins. Wait for these to integrate. Lots of dark chocolate and juicy fruit on a very long finish. Drink after 2025.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2016,
Riserva

A very complex Brunello with black cherries, flowers, bark and incense. Some flowers, too. It's full-bodied, yet very tight and refined, with beautiful tannins that frame the wine gorgeously. So long and persistent, with wonderful, light austerity at the end. Very typical for a great Brunello from this vintage. Try after 2024.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2017

Fascinating aromas of graphite, stone, dried lavender and black cherry follow through to a full body with a firm, chewy tannin texture and a persistent finish. This is cool and structured, yet polished. Try after 2024.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2018

Aromas of bark, walnuts, dark berries, cigar box and roasted espresso. Full-bodied with firm tannins. Muscular structure. Dark fruited, tight and brooding for now. Try in 2024.

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Brunello di Montalcino 2018,
Magistra

The aromas jump out with ripe berries, nutmeg, sweet potato and ginger. Full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins. Excellent energy here with a solid structure and a unique flavor profile. From organically grown grapes. Extremely well done for the vintage. Try from 2024.

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