



CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA



Ciacci Piccolomini is one of the most sought-after producers in all of Italy. This ancient estate has 35 hectares of superior holdings in the prized Castelnuovo dell'Abate zone, including the 'Pianrosso' vineyard (meaning 'red field,' a reference to the iron rich soils) and the 'Fonte' vineyard, which produces grapes for the Rosso di Montalcino.

"Brother-and-sister team Paolo and Lucia Bianchini continue to make excellent Brunellos in the tradition of their father, Giuseppe, who died in 2004. They are better employing their new modern cellars, which were completed last year, and continue to maintain their south-facing vineyards at near pristine levels. The Brunellos emphasize finesse and balance, with layers of ultrafine tannins and subtle ripe fruit, yet they age incredibly well. The Bianchini family was gifted its Brunello estate in 1985 by Countess Elda Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona, who had no heirs; Giuseppe had been the estate manager."

— **The Wine Spectator**

"Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona is one of the headline estates of Montalcino"

— **The Wine Advocate**

The vineyard consists of medium grain soil with good levels of marl, dating from the Eocene period at an altitude that ranges from 240 to 360 meters. The "Pianrosso" plot of the vineyard consist of heavy iron deposits.



CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA 2010 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

100% Sangiovese Grosso

Aged 24+ months in 20-75 hl Slavonian oak barrels, plus 8+ months in bottle.

94 Points, James Suckling: *"Very perfumed with flower, truffle, light wet earth and cherry character. Full body and full integrated ripe tannins and caresses your palate. Very fine and pretty. Slight soya undertone. Succulent and enticing. You want to drink this."*

93 points, Vinous: *"The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is a great example of the Ciacci house style. Rich, layered and ample, the 2010 blossoms with notable depth and amplitude. This is a classic Brunello from Castelnuovo dell'Abate, where the wines are typically resonant and generous. Readers will find a gorgeous, highly expressive Brunello that will deliver considerable near and medium-term pleasure. Crushed flowers, tobacco and cehrry pit add nuance on the soft, open finish."*

93 Points, The Wine Spectator: *"Tight and sinewy, with eucalyptus, cherry, spice and tobacco flavors. The tannins lock this down for now, but the energy and balance persist, showing fine length. Best from 2018 through 2032."*

