



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.



2010 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA "PIANROSSO-SANTA CATERINA D'ORO"

100% Sangiovese Grosso

aged 36+ months in 7.5-62 hl Slavonian oak barrels, plus 12+ months in bottle.

100 points, James Suckling: "Aromas of plums, fresh mushrooms and violets. Full body, firm and silky tannins and a long, long finish. Beautiful balance and length. Powerful tannins underneath the exquisite fruit. Great finish. Goes on for minutes."

96 Points, The Wine Advocate: "With so many fantastic wines produced in 2010, it's hard to make a shortlist of your favorites. One expression that should definitely be included is the stunning 2010 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna di Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro, This is a graceful and super elegant wine with bold aromatic intensity that is followed by firm tannins and a polished, smooth texture. It offers power in the proverbial silken glove. But the wines is not simplistic by any stretch. The longer it warms in the glass, the more it delights and surprises. Delicate tones of wild berry, cassis, blanched almond and dried ginger work together in harmony."

94 Points, The Wine Spectator: "A racy style, with a firm structure buoyed by cherry, leather, mineral and woody notes. Firm but poised, presenting terrific energy and cut. Best from 2018 through 2035."

