CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA

Ciacci Piccolmini 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 2015
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.

#14 – TOP 100 OF 2020 – James Suckling

100 points, James Suckling: *"The opulence of fruit and complexity of earth, meat, mushroom and cedar is breathtaking. It's full-bodied, deep and powerful with so much intensity and depth. Chewy and layered, it goes on for minutes. Give it even more time."*

97 points, Wine Advocate: *"The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna di Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro is a fine and delicate wine that cleverly delivers the intensity of the vintage but without the heaviness or the ripeness. This wine holds back, just enough, to affirm its poised balance in terms of fruit richness, texture and tannin structure. It shows symmetry throughout. Dark cherry fruit, cassis, plum, lavender, and campfire ash set the tone. The mouthfeel is thickly woven and generous. This a special Riserva."*

97 Points, The Wine Enthusiast: *"Enticing aromas of ripe wild berry, iris, camphor and sunbaked soil take shape in the glass. Full in feel and enveloping, the smooth, delicious palate doles out juicy Marasca cherry, raspberry jam, licorice and tobacco while firm, velvety tannins provide support. It boasts concentration and structure but also balance, thanks to the fruit richness and freshness."*