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.

2019 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.

99 Points, James Suckling:
"Wow. The ripe yet fresh aromas are so alluring and compelling, showing plums, cedar, rose petals and hints of leather. Full-bodied yet framed and tensioned with fantastic length and intensity. Polished tannins are powerful but reserved, showing great presence and character. This is a monumental wine in many senses of the word. One for the cellar."

98 Points, WineCritics.com:
"Legendary in its sensorial profile, it shows a solid presence of red fruits well blended with captivating dusty and scratchy nuances of graphite, mandarin peel, chopped cedar and marjoram. There's more in the background with notes of camphor, jasmine and karkadè. Full body, savory and slender in the sip it shows fullness, harmony and depth."

95 Points, The Wine Advocate:
"The Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna di Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro offers a darkly concentrated approach with a bouquet built upon black fruit intensity, spice, earth and cured tobacco. I find the approach quite robust and heavy-handed. This vintage is especially concentrated and best recommended to those looking for this hearty style."