



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.



2020 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.

97 Points, WinesCritic.com: *"Wow! It captivates and enchants with a stunning sensory profile. Notes of cherry, currant, and pomegranate blend seamlessly with notes of jasmine, mandarin blossom, flint, and calamint. Full-bodied, with incredibly soft tannins of a silky quality, and a finish that thrills sip after sip. A faint sensation of warmth on the aftertaste brings it back down to earth, yet it certainly remains among the very best wines tasted. Best from 2027."*

96 Points, The Wine Advocate: *"The Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona 2020 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna di Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro is generous in aromatic delivery, offering dark fruit nuances and layered complexity, yet it holds back on the palate, especially when tasted alongside the estate's riper 2021 releases. That restraint is a defining feature of the 2020 growing season, which favored balance and clarity over muscle. The wine is powerful, to be sure, but its subtle definition and measured mouthfeel offer a clearer window into the inherent elegance of Sangiovese. Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona is a historic, organically farmed estate in Montalcino. The property extends across approximately 195 hectares, including 50 hectares of vineyards and 30 hectares of olive groves. The vineyards are planted primarily to Sangiovese and are situated between 240 and 360 meters in elevation in the warmer southern part of the denomination. Soils are predominantly galestro schist with Eocene-era clay components, contributing structure and mineral definition to the wines. Recent releases, particularly from the 2021 vintage, show ripe and rich flavor profiles."*

95 Points, James Suckling: *"Crazy aromas of white truffles, cherries, plums and lots of cedar. Full-bodied with attractive fruit and fresh acidity. Cedar undertones. Crunchy finish with complex wood, forest and berry flavors. Drink or hold."*