

Sassetti Pertimali

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG - 2018

REGION: ITALY - TUSCANY ITALY - VENETO



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For over a century, four generations of the Sassetti family have farmed and made wine in Montalcino. Livio worked the historic property through the late 1970s, then purchased the 16-hectare (39.53 acres) Podere Pertimali vineyard. The now-famous Podere is in the Montosoli area, north of Montalcino, an area recognized for the cultivation of the Sangiovese grape.

In 1967, Livio was among the founders of the Consorzio del Brunello di Montalcino, which was the same year the DOC(G) system was written into law. In 1968 he built a terracotta wall in his cellar to preserve the old vintages of the wines produced by the family.

Today, that collection consists of almost 1,000 bottles, with vintages dating back to 1915. Dedicated to the land, Livio has over time rehabilitated and expanded the vineyards, preserving the genetic heritage of the old vines and preserving the primigenial characteristics.

In 1999, the Sassetti family acquired La Querciolina a beautiful property located in the Maremma within the Montecucco DOC. They also work with a small

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Vineyard Profile

Sassetti Pertimali estate vineyards are located at the top of the Montosoli hills, north of Montalcino, a very well known area for the cultivation of Sangiovese.

- Soils: Clay and limestone
- Vines Planted: 1988 – 2001
- Vine Training System: Spurred cordon
- Planting Density: 7000 vines/hectare

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested the beginning of October
- Gently pressed
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at 82-84°F
- 10 – 12 days maceration
- Aged 36 months in 3000 liter Slavonian oak barrels
- Bottle aged 6 months

Winemaker's Notes

Deep silky red. Layered aromas of dark cherry, wild berry and floral notes. Smooth, sinuous texture with elegant tannins and a long finish.

Technical Information

- 100% Sangiovese Grosso (Brunello)
- Alcohol: 14.5%

REVIEWS

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96 Points - jamesuckling.com, June, 2022

Intense aromas of black cherries, lavender and spice, such as nutmeg. Some sandalwood and bark, too. Full-bodied with a solid core of fruit and tannins for the vintage. Rather chewy, suggesting that additional bottle age is needed. Try after 2026.

95 Points - [Vinous](http://vinous.com), October, 2022

Depths of dark, balsamic-tinged black cherry, plum sauce and autumnal spice make the 2018 Brunello di Montalcino impossible to ignore. This is velvety to



the core, nearly opulent in feel, with a dense wave of ripe red fruits complemented by nuances of sweet lavender and tobacco. It leaves the palate clenched with fine tannins and primary concentration, creating a classic sensation that transcends the vintage. Nearly a minute goes by, and hints of cocoa and sweet herbs continue to resonate. Wow! Production at the Pertimali estate was down by 20% due to the spring frost, and the decision was made to place all of the juice usually intended for the Riserva into the straight Brunello, the result being one of the top wines of the vintage. 2025 – 2033

90 Points - Decanter, November, 2022

With vineyards on the edge of the Montosoli hill in Montalcino's north, the Sassetti family waited until 7 Oct to harvest. Thin-skinned grapes demanded a significant selection and just a brief maceration. The resulting wine is reticent rather than flamboyant and highlights a rigid character to the vintage. Aromas evoke cranberry, brushwood and rooibos tea. An angular silhouette emphasises rugged tannins and tangy, tart acidity. Predominantly sour cherry flavours make way for subtle iron and cinnamon on the finish. Despite its rigour, this will be best in the near-term. 2023 – 2028

93 Points - Wine Spectator, April, 2023

Ripe and juicy, this red reveals plum, cherry, earth, tobacco and menthol aromas and flavors. Well-structured, delivering dense, dusty tannins and ample fruit to match, with a long, complex finish. Best from 2025 through 2042.

95 Points - Wine Enthusiast, December, 2023

The nose is fruity and fizzy, like cherry cola, with roots and mixed herbs bringing a welcome savory element. The palate is sweet and juicy with cherries, but balance comes from an undertone of dark chocolate, before the nose's lightly medicinal quality emerges again. Acidity positively fizzes around powerful tannins.

93 Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2023

Lorenzo Sassetti's 2018 Brunello di Montalcino is an excellent young wine. It is fairly ripe at 14.5 percent octane, but beautifully precise and measured on both the nose and palate. The refined bouquet wafts from the glass in a youthful blend of red and black cherries, just a hint of orange peel, cigar wrapper, a complex base of soil tones, gentle brown spices, gamebird, woodsmoke and just a delicate touch of cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, tangy and ripely tannic, with fine depth at the core and soil signature, lovely balance and a long, complex and still very youthful finish. This is going to need plenty of hibernation in the cellar before the tannins soften up and the wine begins to drink with generosity, but once it is ready to go, it will be outstanding. 2036 – 2075+

GENERAL INFO

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| Country | Italy |
| Region | Tuscany, Veneto |
| Appellation(s) | Montalcino, Montecucco, Valdobbiadene |
| Proprietors | Lorenzo Sassetti & Sabina La Brusco Sassetti |
| Founded | late 1800s |
| Winemaker | Lorenzo Sassetti |
| Annual Production | 13,250 9L cases |
| Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic) | Following organic principles, not certified |