

2018 Brunello di Montalcino Madonna delle Grazie

Il Marroneto, Tuscany, Italy

Product details

Vintage:	2018	Drinking:	2026 2040
Producer:	Il Marroneto	Alcohol:	14.50%
Region:	Tuscany	Variety:	
Country:	Italy		

Tasting notes

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Reviews

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"The 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Madonna delle Grazie takes its time opening in the glass, complex and darkly alluring with its musky red currants and savory spices, yet with swirling pretty rose tones. A hint of sweet smoke comes forward to add lovely contrast. Its textures are like liquid velvet, with a chalky mineral staining that comes on quickly, which is perfectly balanced by a massive wave of dark red berries; yet through it all, balance is expertly maintained by streamlined acidity that creates a sense of total inner harmony. The 2018 leaves a structured sensation, yet its tannins are silky and fine, coupled with a violet pastille and lavender resonance that I find wildly attractive. Of note, I've tasted this wine over the last two years and followed this recent bottle over the course of 48 hours; at which point it never faltered and only increased in depth and complexity. Il Marroneto's 2018 Madonna delle Grazie is unquestionably one of the top three wines of the vintage. My hat is off to Alessandro Mori, and his team"

Eric Guido, Vinous



"More structured than the Brunello Annata and exhibiting the firm's trademark of mesmerizing finesse, this captivating stunner has lovely aromas of blue flower, rose, wild herb and a whiff of fine tobacco blend. The luminous, youthfully austere but already delicious palate has irresistible precision and a pristine quality, delivering ripe raspberry, baking spice and black tea alongside tight, refined tannins. It's young but already beautifully balanced, with bright acidity. Spoiler alert: this is only for fans of extremely refined, exhilarating and terroir-driven wines. Drink 2028-2048." **99 points, Kerin o'Keefe.**

"Lustrous deep ruby. A little closed but with great purity of fruit on the nose. Waves of concentrated, intense fruit on the palate. Suave and elegant and generous at the same time, showing true cru quality. Fantastic, chewy, tactile tannins following the fruit on the finish. Classic. Can be approached now but will improve for some time to come."

Walter Speller, 17.5 points, jancisrobinson.com

"Il Marroneto's 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Madonna della Grazia single vineyard Brunello is densely fragrant and has this wonderful nose of crushed roses, dark cherries and wild flowers with a little etched detail of green herb, adding intrigue and interest. On the palate it has a rich, silky texture yet with a gentle, weightless quality and lots of fine, silty tannins. This 2018 has plenty of depth of flavor and concentration to match the beautiful structure but I love the harmony of this wine the most. Madonna della Graze is approximate 1.5 hectare at 420 meters above sea level is on the northern boundary of Montalcino town. The vineyard sits just below the chapel it takes its name from and it has a mainly sandy soil rich in minerals. This Madonna della Grazie 2018 Brunello is a breathtakingly beautiful wine. I even prefer it to the stunning 2016 version of this wine at this point because the 2018 has even more finesse and harmony."

98 points, Susan Hulme MW, The Wine Independent

About the producer

Over the last few years, Il Marroneto has rocketed to become one of the most sought-after producers in the world of fine wine. Situated immediately below the walls of Montalcino itself, the vineyard sits at the top of the hill facing out into the valley. Il Marroneto's old vines, altitude, and exposure to the valley's winds produce wine that is ethereal, complex, delightful, and thought-provoking all at once. Winemaker Alessandro Mori was described as "the Sangiovese whisperer" by Monica Lerner of the Wine Advocate due to his incredible ability to draw out the grape's innate character with immense purity and energy. These magical wines have captured the world's imagination, and their emotional impact is hard to put into words.