



CORTONESI

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA

'Press Highlights'

2016

- **96** – JAMES SUCKLING, *October 26, 2021*

"Sweet berry, cherry and orange-peel aromas with hints of flowers, following through to a medium body with firm, silky tannins and a juicy finish. Lovely fine tannins that run the length of the wine and give it energy and a refined structure. Better after 2023, but already a beauty."

- **95+** – WINE ADVOCATE, *February 17, 2022*

"Only made in the best years, the Cortonesi 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva La Mannella is a wine that makes its special Riserva status very clear. Released with one more year of age after a Brunello annata, Riserva can be distinguished by more oak aging or by the selection of fruit used. In this case, the wine's identity is closely linked to the La Mannella parcel, which has old vines that deliver freshness and structure. This wine is broad and fleshed out with lots of softness and extra richness between the lines."

- **95** – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *April 2022 Issue*

- **94** – WINE SPECTATOR, *March 16, 2022*

"Boasts bright black cherry, blackberry, plum, iron and underbrush aromas and flavors, which are backed by a spine of assertive tannins. Though tight and compact on the finish, there is lingering fruit to strike an overall equilibrium. Best from 2025 through 2042."

- **93** – VINOUS, *December 2021*

"The 2016 Brunello di Montalcino La Mannella is dark and inward, offering smoky notes of dried cherries, roses, leather strap and hints of camphor. It's rich and velvety-smooth, with mineral-tinged red berries and savory spices that flesh out across the palate. It leaves a salty flourish, along with notes of licorice and tobacco, and residual acids maintain a lovely freshness in spite of the web of fine tannins that resonate throughout..."

2015

- **96** – WINE SPECTATOR, *June 30, 2021*

"Alluring, with an opulent profile and velvety texture, this Brunello features lush cherry, strawberry, floral and mineral aromas and flavors, allied to a dense, tannic structure. Fresh and dynamic, shows excellent harmony and a long, fruit- and underbrush-infused aftertaste."

- **95** – JAMES SUCKLING, *November 11, 2020*

"A tight, rather linear red with blackberry, black-cherry, chocolate and walnut aromas and flavors. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, silky tannins and a fresh finish. Still tight. Drink after 2022."

- **95** – WINE ADVOCATE, *November 30, 2020*

"Softer for sure compared to the 2016 wines, and more abundant in personality, the Cortonesi 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva La Mannella is very expressive of the sunny, warm and luminous growing season. Rich fruit flavors of dark plum, black cherry and cassis are interwoven with spice, sweet tobacco and balsam herb. This wine is fermented in steel for 25 days and is then raked into oak for a long 48-months élevage. This wine is only made in the best years, and it draws its fruit from the estate's oldest vines, which are 37 years old..."

- **90** – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *May 1, 2021*