



CORTONESI

LA MANNELLA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

Press Highlights

2020

- **93 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *September 2024*

"Youthful style with almost vinous character. Aromas of cherries, strawberry ice-cream, sweet flowers and toasted notes. Firm, chalky tannins with a supple shape, refreshing acidity and medium body. A little warming on the finish. Best from 2026."

2019

- **98 – THE SOMM JOURNAL**, *August 2025*

"Sangiovese from a 1,000-foot hill to the north and an even higher elevation of 1,150 feet on the region's coolest southeastern side spawned this luxurious red. Lightly veiled without density or edge, notes of coffee, cocoa, roses, and peonies are captured and refreshed by the acid structure of the wine, which spent 36 months in large, tightly grained Slavonian oak. Its accessibility for drinking now is remarkable, yet its longevity is undeniable."

- **95 – WINE SPECTATOR**, *March 20, 2024*

"Offering black currant, blackberry, floral, mineral and underbrush flavors, this red shows some muscle, ending with a terrific aftertaste of ripe fruit, mineral and vegetal accents. This feels balanced overall but needs some time for the dense tannins to integrate fully. Best from 2027 through 2043."

- **95 – DECANTER**, *November 13, 2023*

"...Tight and flinty to begin with, it then reveals a gorgeous purity of lilac and orange florals. Precise and well-sculpted, the palate presents a black cherry backdrop framed by powdered, textured tannins which creep up and build to quite an assertive grasp while remaining polished and elegant. Lovely spaciousness and freshness here."

- **94 – WINE ENTHUSIAST**, *June 17, 2024*

"The nose has an abundance of earthy, savory aromas, including old leather, damp soil, mushrooms and balsamic, with just barely sweet undertones of dark chocolate and black cherry. The palate continues to balance dark fruit with that nearly smoky savoriness, while tannins add complexity without disrupting a silken sensation in the mouth."

- **94 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *December 14, 2023*

"The Cortonesi 2019 Brunello di Montalcino La Mannella is broader and richer and showing more dark fruit and less mineral compared to the Poggiarelli. This wine offers a jammy berry quality with sweet raspberry and wild strawberry. There is mild tobacco with clean earth and a hint of something balsamic like rosemary sprig. The mouthfeel shows fine but drying tannins that you feel far after the fruit has faded from the palate..."

- **94 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *September 25, 2023*

"Pretty sweet-berry and cherry aromas with hints of cedar and crushed stones. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Tight and refined. Give it two or three years to open. Best after 2026."

2018

- **95 – WINE ENTHUSIAST**, *December 2023 Issue*

"The nose recalls an October day, as an autumnal earthiness mingles with the density of dark chocolate and the spice of anise, and the last of the summer's stone fruit. On the palate, the chocolate grows sweeter as Halloween approaches, but earthy, bitter notes persist through the astringent, chalky, tannic finish."

- **94, #38 of the Best 50 Wines of 2023 – VINEPAIR**, *November 2023*

"Bright red fruit and spice notes with grippy tannins."

- **93 – JEB DUNNUCK**, *March 6, 2023*

"...Full-bodied, its ample fruit is evenly balanced through the palate, with ripe tannins and a fresh mineral texture. It offers notes of fresh leather, ripe cherry, cedar, and warming spices throughout, with its perfume lasting long after the wine is gone. It is a lovely wine to drink over the next 10-15 years."

- **93 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *March 9, 2023*