



LA MANNELLA ROSSO DI MONTALCINO

Press Highlights

2022

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

“...This wine is 100% Sangiovese, culled from the youngest vineyard in the cooler northern end of Montalcino and aged 12 months in large-format Slavonian oak. ‘This is my business-card wine,’ notes Tommaso. ‘We are building a personal identification for our Rosso di Montalcino and won’t refer to it as a ‘baby Brunello.’ It takes on a unique character from its single-site expression. Bright, fruity, and in possession of the coveted trio of balance, finesse, and elegance (which we noticed in all the Cortonesi wines we tasted), it also shows freshness derived from startling acidity that links to salty raspberry, cherry, and red tea leaves. ‘This is the future of Montalcino,’ predicts Tommaso.”

2021

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

“Cortonesi makes a very satisfying Rosso that drinks and performs above its weight class. The 2021 Rosso di Montalcino La Mannella (with 20,000 bottles released) shows a dark garnet color with medium-lean concentration. There is plenty of dark cherry and fresh fruit at its core. That center is framed by earthy notes of iris root and chestnut husk. All of those flavors conclude with pretty freshness.”

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

“Attractive aromas of ripe cherries, dried orange peel, dried flowers and walnuts. Medium-bodied, structured and polished with fine tannins and juicy acidity. Balanced and even with a lengthy, mineral finish. Drink or hold.”

2020

- **91 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *August 8, 2022*

“The aromas are very floral, with black-cherry undertones. Medium body, firm tannins and a chewy finish. Structured for a Rosso. Drink or hold.”

2019

- **92 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *February 17, 2022*

“The Cortonesi 2019 Rosso di Montalcino La Mannella is vibrant and fresh, with plenty of tart cherry, red berry and cranberry to keep the palate refreshed. The wine is clean and streamlined but not thin or short by any means. That special 2019 vintage richness and concentration is played forward to good effect in this well-priced bottle. I look forward to tasting the upcoming Brunellos from this vintage.”

- **91 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *July 20, 2021*

“A bright, tangy red with cherry and citrus character. Medium-bodied with light tannins and an energetic finish. Drink or hold.”

2018

- **91 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *January 31, 2020*

“Fruit from the youngest vines (planted in 2011) at the La Mannella site make this unique wine. Not many producers are in a position to make a single-vineyard Rosso, but we are slowly seeing more of them come to market. The Cortonesi 2018 Rosso di Montalcino La Mannella is redolent of red berry fruit, almond and plum. The wine does offer a rather prominent sense of structure, and this is one of the characteristics of the La Mannella site. Some 15,000 bottles were made and this hit the market in November 2019.”