



95 points

"Deep luminous ruby-red. Spicy red cherry and mineral nuances on the nose and in the mouth. Enters fresh and juicy with noteworthy flesh and size to the red and blue fruit flavors, then suave and refined all the way onto the long refined finish. Closes with youthfully chewy tannins and a tactile mouthfeel offering hints of flinty minerals and raspberry. **A brooding giant that is extremely elegant and refined. Very well done.**" - Ian D'Agata May 2019

96 points

Cerretalto is a 4 ha vineyard on red sandy clay at the very eastern edge of Montalcino. It's a cool site that's very slow and late ripening, with significant temperature differences between day and night. In 2013 the grapes were harvested during the second week of October, and though not designated as a Riserva, it's aged like one. It's a wine that takes time to come around, and the 2013 is characteristically closed, rigid and austere in its youth. It hints at dusty black cherry and wild plums wrapped up in a graphite and iron fist. Bracing acidity cuts through the intense, concentrated core. The oak is polished but needs to integrate, while stiff, sticky tannins demand a few years to soften. This is all about patience. - Walter Speller Jan. 2019

98 points

"Leading the pack (riservas and selections) is Casanova di Neri's pure and racy Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto 2013...."

This intense version is concentrated, with black cherry, blackberry, graphite, tobacco and spice flavors, yet remains light-footed due to the racy profile. Structured, yet beautifully balanced and youthful. Shows purity and length on the aftertaste, which introduces a floral component. Best from 2022 through 2045. From Italy." - Bruce Sanderson June 2019

97 points

"There are a handful of wines in Italy that make me nervous before I taste them because my expectations are so high. This is one of those wines. **This is a beautiful Brunello that boasts deep intensity and bold black fruit flavors that are plummy and rich.** Spice, toasted oak and tobacco frame that primary fruit. Cerretalto ages in oak for 30 months and that strong imprint has added to the structure, depth and contemporary character of this A-list Brunello. That oak imprint is also reinforced in the wine's tannins. There's no doubt that this wine needs more cellar aging." - Monica Lerner Jan. 2019

97 points

There's a lot in this wine, in terms of complexity, that is all underpinned by concentrated, ripe and assertive red cherries. The oak is nicely placed and there's a sense of purpose and build on the palate that really sets it apart. High-class tannins. Try this from 2022. - James Suckling Feb. 2019



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92 points

Bright deep red. Perfumed nose of red cherry, Oriental spices, flint and graphite. Rich dense and suave on entry, then lighter and more linear in the middle, but with a plush juicy mouthfeel that makes it hard to put the glass back down once you've started tasting it. Very pure black/red cherry and spice flavors linger impressively on the long, refreshing finish. **A knockout 2014 Brunello** that lacks the size of the bigger vintages (very appropriately, I may add, given what the 2014 growing season was like) but show-cases enchanting purity and grace. Very well done. - Ian D'Agata May 2019

92 points

"The estate has seven different parcels of vineyards throughout the region, which, by careful blending, helped to produce a totally convincing 2014 Brunello.

For the first time in Casanova di Neri's history, the white-label Brunello incorporates grapes usually destined for their Tenuta Nuova and Cerretalto bottlings. The grapes were given a brief maceration so as not to extract any bitter tannins, yielding an immediately approachable midweight red. Dusty cherry, cranberry and redcurrant notes grace the nose and palate, with red rose and white pepper lending complexity. The tannins are fine and provide a subtle grip, while taut, tart acidity demands a rich, meaty pasta sauce. This will sit well at the dinner table." - Walter Speller Jan. 2019

91 points

Alluring aromas and flavors of pure cherry, raspberry and wild rose mark this round red. The firm structure is well-integrated and the finish echoes the fruit, while adding a mineral element. Offers a tactile, chalky finish. Drink now through 2032. 6,305 cases made, 2,500 cases imported. — Bruce Sanderson June 2019

92 points

This is the white label Brunello from Giacomo Neri and his son Giovanni. The 2014 Brunello di Montalcino is faithful to the vintage with a compact and streamlined style that suggests a near or medium-term drinking window. In general, I am hesitant to recommend this vintage for any significant cellar aging, and one reason is because these wines perform nicely straight out of the gate. The same goes for this relatively easy expression that is redolent of wild berry, rose hip, blue flower and moist potting soil. - Monica Lerner Jan. 2019

92 points

"Wild red fruit and orange zest with cedar and wild herbs. The cherries here are fresh and lively and the tannins cut a sturdy, even frame around impressively long, fresh flavors. The only Brunello made here in 2014; there are no single vineyard bottlings. Drink or hold." - James Suckling Feb. 2019

