

James  
Suckling  
94 PTS  
2013

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Antonio  
Galloni  
97 PTS  
2012

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Wine  
Spectator  
93 PTS  
2012



#### TASTING NOTES

Made in only the best vintages for Brunello, this Riserva is elegant and deeply sensational with roasted aromas, red fruit preserves, and spice.

## Piancornello Brunello di Montalcino Riserva

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| COUNTRY | ABV        |
| Italy   | 14.5%      |
| REGION  | VARIETALS  |
| Tuscany | Sangiovese |

APPELLATION  
DOCG Brunello di  
Montalcino

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#### WINERY

The Pieri family bought the Piancornello estate in 1950 and initially grew fruit to sell locally, until 1991, when they began vinifying and selling their own estate wines. Piancornello is now owned and operated by Claudio Monaci and Silvia Batazzi. An 18th-century farmhouse anchors this organically-cultivated estate in the pristine nature of Montalcino, rubbing shoulders with centuries-old olive groves and Brunello vineyards. On their 10 hectares of vineyards, Piancornello cultivates predominantly Sangiovese vines with some Cilieggiolo. Their Sangiovese clones were chosen carefully to achieve low yields and looser bunches.

Piancornello's warmer and drier climate, as compared to the neighboring Chianti region, and proximity to the Mediterranean sea (45 km away) make this a prized site for winemaking. Piancornello's vineyards grow on moderately sloped hills in rocky, volcanic soils with southern exposures, creating full-bodied, mineral wines.

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#### CULTIVATION

A classic style Brunello di Montalcino from the southern slopes of this great appellation. In fact, Piancornello is located just outside of the town of Sant'Angelo in Colle, an area considered to be among the finest for the production of Brunello. Spurred cordon.

#### VINIFICATION

30 days of alcoholic fermentation and maceration in steel tanks and in wood, at a controlled temperature of 28-30 °C. Pumping over 2-3 times per day. After racking, the wine completes its malolactic fermentation in barriques and tonneaux.

#### AGING

A minimum aging of 24 months in oak barrels is followed by at least 6 months of aging in bottles. Total minimum aging requirement of 6 years after harvest.