



ARGIANO
CANTINA DAL 1580

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO VIGNA DEL SUOLO DOCG 2016



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Historic estate in the Montalcino appellation, enhanced by an impressive zoning activity and minimal environmental impact. The firm's flagship: aromas of alcohol-infused sour cherries and caper on the nose, a hint of bay leaf on the finish. Saltiness in the mouth and salty closing.



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Egocentrico e ricco di personalità imposta grazia e precisione d'esecuzione toccando punte di innaturale bellezza. Delicato e al contempo performante mostra note floreali di canfora, ibisco, gerani, acacia e sambuco. In sottofondo la performance principale viene dalla potenza del succo di mandarino ben fuso a note di caramello salato e prezzemolo tritato. Corpo medio-pieno, tannini incredibilmente setosi all'ingresso al palato ed un finale succoso e brillante che vibra dal centro palato fino alla chiusura sapida e succosa. Che stile! Da una vigna di 4,4 ettari con esposizione est-ovest. Solo 5200 bottiglie prodotte. Meglio dal 2021.

WINE ENTHUSIAST

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Cellar Selection

Made with vines that average 55 years old, this fragrant, single-vineyard Brunello boasts aromas of violet, menthol, wild berry and spice. Loaded with class and finesse, the delicious, full-bodied palate features Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, blood orange, licorice and a hint of coffee alongside polished, velvety tannins. A salty mineral note lingers on the finish. Drink 2024–2046.



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Lamponi, mentine e ribes nero, carnoso, sapido, sontuoso nel suo incedere, dolce eppure piccante e sapido salato, lunghezza e piacevolezza tannica fuori scala. Andrea Gori (Emanuele Giannone 96)



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Doctor  Wine
by Daniele Cernilli

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Dried cherries, oyster mushrooms, black olives and citrus oil. It's full-bodied with sleek, ultra fine tannins and a lifted finish. Layers of sour-cherry, bark and umami notes. Burgundian sensibility with purity and intensity. Wait a few years for this to open up. Drink after 2023

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The 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Vigna del Suolo from Argiano lifts up with a minty freshness which gives way to peppery herbs and florals. Medicinal cherry, hints of clove and licorice come forward over time. It is dense and textural, leaning toward black fruits, with a complex web of salty minerals and tannins that penetrate the senses. The 2016 Vigna del Suolo shows remarkable length, yet is currently folded in upon itself, creating what feels like a black hole of structure through the finale, which nearly masks an array of residual spices and perfumes. That said, it's a long-distance runner that is packed full of potential. 2026 – 2040


WINE ADVOCATE

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This special single-vineyard wine comes from a 50 or 60 something years old. The Argiano 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Vigna del Suolo (with only 5,000 bottles produced) opens to warm earthy notes that evoke the name of the wine: "vineyard of the soil." The fruit comes through in a second wave with dried raspberry, cassis and dried cherry. But that theme of earthiness permeates the entire experience and is evoked in the powdery dryness of the tannins too. These traits are characteristic of cement fermentation, which this wine does complete, but also of the calcareous marl soils of the site. This is an elegant wine that most certainly needs extra bottle time to gain in depth and volume. A special collaboration with tonnellerie Taransaud was started to create the custom 10-hectoliter oval casks used to age this 5,000-bottle production.

Drink date: 2024 – 2044

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Wine Spectator

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Aromas of wild rosemary and pine lead off in this racy red, which is permeated by flavors of cherry, raspberry and mineral. Vibrant and balanced, with the resonant tannins leaving a chalky feel on the finish. Shows fine intensity and length. Best from 2024 through 2047. 415 cases made, 100 cases imported.

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Argiano's oldest site, Vigna del Suolo boasts 65-year-old vines of very rare Sangiovese clones. Recent soil mapping with Chilean specialist Pedro Parra has also revealed significant limestone underpinnings in the vineyard. The 2016 sports a smoky, earthy, dusty nose punctuated by dried fennel. Ripe, chalky tannins are currently front and centre, needing time to cede, while sun-soaked berries underneath speak unabashedly of its southern origins. There is much lurking in this textured, packed Brunello, including orange, mint and a twist of salty sea air.

2021

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WORLD WINE AWARDS

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Silver medal

Smokey bacon nose with aromas of violets and cassis and nuances of oak spice. Crunchy structure with youthful ripe tannins.

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Numbered bottles, this is number 2,299 of 5,940.

Mid ruby. Firmer and more closed on the nose than the standard offering. A hint of cinnamon bark and iron. Tangy supple, generous cherry fruit that is not heavy, yet is mouth-filling and with fine coating tannins. Can be approached now. (WS) 14.5%

Drink 2021 – 2028



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