

**GAJA**

# Brunello di Montalcino 2018

## 6x75cl

### Winemaker Notes

The 2016 Brunello shows charming notes of juniper berries, liquorice and sweet wood to greet your nose upon approaching this wine. It has a very clear expression of sweet and ripe fruit, opening on the palate, with notes of spice and earthy aromatic herbs. This wine has remarkable texture, mouth-filling fruit and a very good length.

### Vineyard

The property's entire 40 acres have been dedicated to Sangiovese, perhaps the most well-known of the indigenous Italian grape varieties.

### Winemaking

The grapes from the different vineyards are fermented and macerated separately for three weeks. They are then aged in oak for 24 months before being blended and then aged for another six months in concrete vats.

### Vintage

The winter was mild and dry, characterized by absence of snow and rainfall, and followed by very rainy spring and summer. Persistent rainfall occurred from May until the first half of August, a critical moment in the growing season. Careful and prompt treatments were applied to the vines against downy mildew and powdery mildew. Despite the dry and warm 2017 vintage, thanks to the use of appropriate agronomical techniques (soil management, leaf removal on the North and South exposed rows), we were able to achieve excellent vegetative growth of the Sangiovese vines, lower quantity of bunches and grapes, with good health conditions. The average daily temperature during summer 2018 was around 35 °C, few hailstorms slightly hurt some of our vineyards between late August and beginning of September. For this reason, those grapes characterized by high acidity and lower potential alcohol were picked earlier. Luckily from the last week of September the northerly, dry, earth-wind Tramontana constantly blew and completely dried the grapes. The fall was characterized by average daily temperatures of 25 °C, high thermal exchanges between day and night allowed the grapes to reach the perfect ripening conditions (technologic and phenolic). 2018 promises to be a good quality vintage.

### Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Fantastic paired with roast meats, wild game and hard cheeses.



Grapes  
100% Sangiovese

Region/Appellation  
Brunello di Montalcino  
DOCG

Alcohol by volume  
14.50%

Residual Sugar  
less than 1 g/l

pH  
3.55

Total Acidity  
5.29 g/l

Drinking Window  
2024 - 2033

Tasting Guide  
A B C **D** E  
Light Medium Full

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