




**RATING:** 97 points

**PRODUCER:** Cerbaiona 

**FROM:** Brunello di  
Montalcino,  
Tuscany, Italy

**VARIETY:** Sangiovese  
Grosso

**DRINK:** 2012 - 2024

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$180

**SOURCE:** WA, #183  
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The estate's 2004 Brunello di Montalcino is simply extraordinary. Enticing layers of mint, violets, black cherries, menthol and minerals lead to an explosive core of fruit. The wine continues to grow in the glass, showing off its first-class pedigree. Amazingly pure, textured and rich, this vivid, chiseled Brunello dazzles from start to finish, where balsamic notes make a final appearance. If forced to drink only one wine from Montalcino, I might very well choose Diego Molinari's sumptuous Brunello. This is an incredible wine! Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024.

Diego Molinari's Brunellos are among the finest wines of Montalcino, and Italy, for that matter. This small vineyard is one of the most privileged spots in all of Tuscany. The property has been rumored to be for sale for some time, and the new owners, whoever they ultimately are, will have a very tall order in trying to match the level of these wines. I can only hope they succeed, because a world without the Brunellos of this jewel of an estate would be tragic.

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