

2013 Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto DOCG



Cerretalto is the synthesis of intuition, passion and vision; characteristics that have been a continual expression of Casanova di Neri. The soil has an extraordinary concentration of minerals which impart a unique impression. Only produced in certain vintages from 100% Sangiovese. With the contribution of human dedication, love for the work of the earth and great attention in the cellar, can a wine reach exceptional quality, personality and unique style that fully expresses the territory of its origin.

"The 2013 vintage best represents Cerretalto as a work of art: deepness, intensity, and greatness. Once poured in the glass it shows a bright ruby red color; the bouquet has the unmistakable graphite followed by hints of young and dark red fruits, chocolate and liquorice. In the mouth it is immense, thick and elegant, yet at the same time has an incredible and persistent finish. Tannins are perfectly smoothed and integrated. The Cerretalto 2013 has a long life ahead. It should be opened at least 3 hours in advance at the recommended service temperature." - Giovanni Neri

100% Sangiovese from a four hectare single vineyard in northeast Montalcino, near Torrenieri. Manual selection of the grapes before and after de-stemming, followed by a spontaneous fermentation. Maceration is carried out in open cone-shaped and temperature controlled fermenters for 32 days. Aged 36 months in French oak barrique, matured in the bottle for 24 months

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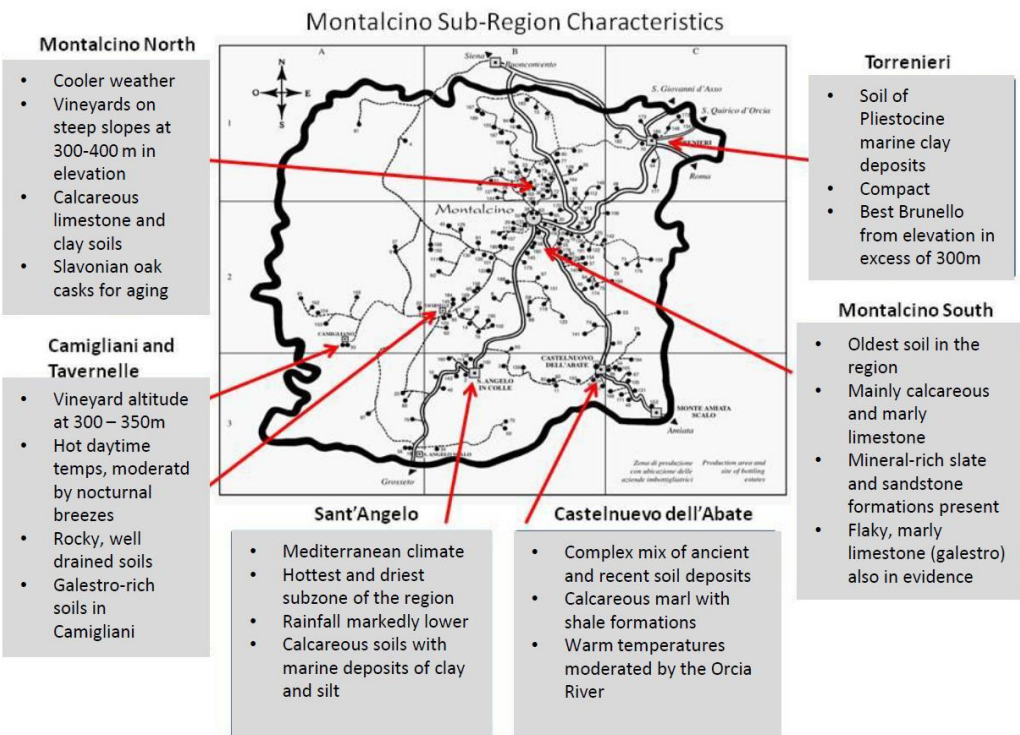
"Casanova di Neri first produced Brunello di Montalcino (White Label) in 1978 with the grapes coming mainly from the vineyards around the winery. The 2014 vintage of White Label is extraordinarily unique. For the first time since 1978 the 2014 Brunello will also include grapes coming from Tenuta Nuova and Cerretalto. (We did not bottle 2014 Tenuta Nuova or Cerretalto as stand alone wines). To denote that we created a Special Edition "White Label", adding black and bronze bands on the historical white label which represent the colors of the labels of Cerretalto (black) & Tenuta Nuova (bronze).

"The 2014 White Label is elegant and complex and possibly the finest ever. The color is bright red, with fresh hints of young red fruits that mark the intense bouquet. In the mouth everything is perfectly balanced, from the vibrant acidity to the creaminess and the silky consistency. Tannins are extremely fine and precise. Persistent finish and endless aftertaste. Our passion and love for the land and our own distinctive Sangiovese joined together to make a wine that stands out for elegance, finesse, high quality and long ageing potential." - Giovanni Neri

100% Sangiovese our six vineyard throughout Montalcino. Manual selection of the grapes before and after de-stemming, followed by a spontaneous fermentation. Maceration in open cone-shaped and temperature controlled fermenters for 23 days. Aged 43 months in Slavonian oak casks. Matured in the bottle for 6 months



WINERY:	Casanova di Neri
YEAR FOUNDED:	1971
OWNER:	Giacomo Neri
WINEMAKER	Giacomo & Giovanni Neri
LOCATION:	Montalcino - Toscana
VINEYARD LAND:	156 acres (63 ha)
TOTAL WINE PRODUCTION:	300,000 bottles
FARMING PRACTICES:	Sustainable
VEGAN	Yes



NERI VINEYARDS: Fiesole, Poderuccio & Podernuovo–Torrenieri // **Cerretalto** – Southeast of the town of Montalcino

Le Centine – South, Sant'Angelo in Colle // **Pietradonice** –South east near Castelnuovo dell'Abate



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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

