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**CASANOVA DI NERI 2016  
Brunello di Montalcino  
DOCG**



*Sangiovese from vineyards  
surrounding the winery -  
Fiesole, Poderuccio and  
Podernuovo.*

MONICA LARNER

**94 points**

"The Casanova di Neri 2016 Brunello di Montalcino (or the so-called "white label" Brunello) takes a minute or two to open, and like all these new releases from the Neri family, you're best off opening your bottle five hours before serving them. This classic expression displays raspberry, tar, hazelnut, dried fig, asphalt and some crushed chalk. **The wine is streamlined and compact in terms of mouthfeel, giving us an accessible Brunello from a benchmark Montalcino estate.**"

ERIC GUIDO

**94 points**

"Casanova di Neri's 2016 Brunello di Montalcino is a wine of pleasurable contrasts but also massive structure. Ripe dark fruits and autumnal spices offset savory herbs and hints of animal musk. It enters the mouth silky, cooling and lifted, with a noticeable inner sweetness to its polished cherry/berry flavors, but it then sways more toward inner earth, minerals and grippy tannins. **The 2016 urges you to take another sip, as there's so much upfront appeal;** yet each time you do, it reminds you once again that it's a painfully young Brunello in need of cellaring. That said, the potential here is incredibly high."

BRUCE SANDERSON

**94 points**

"Shows fine depth, with cherry, black currant and wild herb flavors, accented by iron, earth, leather and tobacco notes. Muscular, despite a slim frame, with a long, savory aftertaste. Best from 2024 through 2045. 8,808 cases made, 2,500 cases imported."

MICHAELA MORRIS

**95 points**

"The 2016 vintage was marked by significant day and nighttime temperature differences. Gianlorenzo Neri says this was particularly pronounced in Montalcino's northeast, where the vineyards for the estate's 'white label' are found. **With beautiful focus off the bat, this grabs your attention immediately.** Black raspberry and wild cherry give way to liquorice, wet stones and smoke. The fruit is velvety, but quickly hemmed in by powdery, grippy tannins which retreat a bit on the finish, likes waves, leaving rose and violets in their wake. **Vibrant and racy.**"

JAMES SUCKLING

**93 points**

"Tide and balsamic aromas with red plums and cherries. **Full-bodied with a pretty center palate and ripe, rich fruit.** It's a little timid now, but shows violets, bark and black cherries at the finish. Drink in 2023."

**CASANOVA DI NERI 2016  
Tenuta Nuova  
Brunello di Montalcino  
DOCG**



*Sangiovese from  
vineyards in the southern  
part of Montalcino - Le  
Cetine & Pietradondice*

**97+ points**

"**This is one of my sweetheart wines from Montalcino.** The Casanova di Neri 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova offers a long list of aromas on an ever-shifting and fluid bouquet. You get bright cherry, rose potpourri, black truffle, caramel, butterscotch, sandalwood, road pavement and chalky mineral. In fact, each time I come back to this wine, that mineral element seemed to grow in intensity and scope. The wine offers a grounded fruit side that is contrasted nicely against a grounded oak component. The mouthfeel is creamy and long, and the wine shows terrific tannic integration. When you come back hours later, you might find black olive, bresaola and licorice."

**96 points**

"The 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova drawing you in with a display of exotic brown spice, mint and cedar dust. Further coaxing unlocks depths of cherry, plum, hints of dark chocolate and roses. It coats along a medium-bodied frame with velvety richness, complemented by polished red and black fruits while contrasted by brisk acids and hints of sour citrus. This coats the teeth in concentration, as if you can feel the pulp, seeds and skins of its fruit, while a layer of fine tannin slowly grounds you back to earth. **The Tenuta Nuova already has so much to give, yet it will be many years before it reaches its apex.** Wow. Thinking back to my tasting of the 2015, I can't say that the 2016 is necessarily a better wine, just a little less immediate. Either way, both wines are beautiful expressions of vintage."

**95 points**

"A bright, pure version, boasting raspberry, black cherry and blackberry flavors married to a fluid profile. **The structure is present, yet both the lively acidity and fine-grained tannins are in harmony.** The focus is really on the fruit here, with accents of graphite, earth, tobacco and underbrush. Best from 2023 through 2045. 5,831 cases made, 1,200 cases imported."

**97 points**

"Tenuta Nuova is Casanova di Neri's southern expression of Brunello. Vines were planted in 1989 and Gianlorenzo Neri says they are now hitting their stride, giving wines with more persistence and depth than earlier vintages. The 2016 clearly demonstrates both of these attributes. It is not as immediate as the white label but unfolds decorously with earth, tar, leather, black currants and cinnamon. The tannins are refined, clinging to the palate with a clayey texture. **Pristine and polished with masses of personality, the briny undertow cleanses the mouth brilliantly.** Balsam and orange carry the finish."

**99 points**

"Aromas of blackberries, cherries, violets and bark with mahogany. It's full-bodied and chewy with intense tannins that are layered and focused. The fruit is pure and purposeful, yet not over done. **Wonderful strength and purity to this. Class is the word.** Try it after 2024."

**CASANOVA DI NERI 2015  
Cerretalto  
Brunello di Montalcino  
DOCG**



*Sangiovese from 4 ha  
single vineyard near  
Torrenieri in NE  
Montalcino.*

**98+ points**

"Of these new releases from this benchmark estate, the Casanova di Neri 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto is my favorite wine. **This Riserva is larger than life** with ripe fruit, raspberry, cherry, spice, cola, root beer, mesquite and cedar. The wine offers a flashy and generous quality of fruit that unfolds over time with a multifaceted and multi-layered presentation. One thing that stands out here is the acidity that is bracing and tart at first but then succumbs to an important supporting role, rendering lasting freshness and persistence to the finish. With time, you get a flash of cherry and crème de cassis that seals the deal"

**95 points**

"The 2015 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto is remarkably fresh and balanced despite its large-scale persona. Minty herbs give way to raspberry and cherry with exotic spices and a hint of pine resin. It boasts depths of silky textures; yet it remains juicy and full of energy, displaying ripe red and black fruits, laced with salty minerals, as hints of cinnamon and baker's chocolate form toward the close. Fine tannins come forward on the finish, tugging at the cheeks, yet all under an air of sweet spice and violet florals. **As young as this is today, it's hard to put the glass down, and I can only imagine the depths that will be revealed with five or more years of cellaring.**"

**97 points**

"Wild rosemary, thyme and juniper aromas and flavors frame the core of black cherry in this supple red. Firmly built, shows refined tannins embraced by the bright fruit. **Very expressive and approachable now, yet should continue to improve.** Best from 2025 through 2050. 828 cases made, 145 cases imported."

**97 points**

"First vinified as a single vineyard in 1981, and bottled as a Riserva until 1993, Cerretalto comes from an iron-rich marly site in the far east of Montalcino. Slow ripening, it is always the last plot to be harvested. While demonstrating some of its typical youthful austerity, the 2015 has a bit more flesh and baby fat than usual but it is still recognisably Cerretalto, with its mineral-driven, powerfully structured palate. Aromas are redolent of vanilla, balsam, smoke and dark chocolate, while the palate offers blackberry and black currants. Lively acidity pierces the fruit intensity. I wouldn't touch it for another three years."

**100 points**

"**This is a momentous wine with incredible power and structure** that has so much minerality and crushed-stone character to the black cherries and blueberries. Full-bodied and tannic, yet the tannins are layered and polished with a glorious, creamy and juicy texture that coats your mouth. It goes on for minutes. Incredible wine. Try after 2025."