

"Modern by definition but undeniably Montalcino and Brunello in every way, Casanova di Neri has a gorgeous selection of wines heading in the market in early 2021, from the 2016 Brunellos to the 2015, late-release Cerretalto. The winery is located in the northeastern section of Montalcino, yet it tends seven different and distinct vineyards throughout the region to be able to create a balanced yet unique wine from vintage to vintage. The 2016 "White Label" Brunello is a wonderful example of this balance, once again ranking high in its peer group. Whether you consider your palate for Brunello to be international or traditional, you really owe it to yourself to check in with Casanova di Neri." - Eric Guido

CASANOVA DI NERI 2015 Cerretalto Brunello di Montalcino DOCG



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

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"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."

CASANOVA DI NERI 2016 Tenuta Nuova Brunello di Montalcino DOCG



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

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"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 coasts 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."

CASANOVA DI NERI 2016 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG



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

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"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."