



Casanova di Neri

CASANOVA DI NERI CERRETALTO
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG - 2013



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Giacomo Neri

Winemaker:

Giacomo Neri and Giovanni Neri

Winery Founded:

1971

Region:

Tuscany



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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. Indeed, previous editions of Cerretalto have earned the coveted 100 point score, and I am astutely aware of the pedigree and potential that comes forth with each new vintage. 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. I would absolutely not suggest drinking it within the next five years. Any awkwardness it shows now should iron itself out with more bottle time.

- *Monica Larner*