

Col d'Orcia

Wine Region: Tuscany, Italy Date Established: 1700 Winemaker: Antonino Tranchida



Col d'Orcia is the internationally celebrated producer of one of Italy's most revered red wines, Brunello di Montalcino. Situated on the outskirts of the medieval hilltop village of Montalcino in Tuscany's Siena province, the estate has a rich winemaking history dating back to the 1700s. Col d'Orcia literally means the hill overlooking the Orcia River which marks the Southwest border of the Brunello di Montalcino area. Col d'Orcia is owned today by Count Francesco Marone Cinzano.

Winemaking at Col d'Orcia is entrusted to chief enologist Antonino Tranchida, whom many contemporary wine experts credit as being one of Tuscany's foremost experts in the art of producing outstanding Brunello di Montalcino wines.

Col d'Orcia encompasses 1,300 acres in Montalcino (one of the area's largest properties), 370 acres of which are planted under vine. The vineyards, located in the hilly region between the Orcia river and Sant'Angelo in Colle, are dedicated primarily to a special clone of Sangiovese. Locally referred to as Brunello, this grape variety comprises the region's renowned wine. The limestone and marl soil composition facilitates natural irrigation, while the estate's southern orientation provides the vines with exposure to abundant sunshine.



- **BANDITELLA ROSSO DI MONTALCINO** A "Baby Brunello" from Col d'Orcia's Banditella vineyard.
89 Points – *Wine Spectator*, October 2014.
- **BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO** 100% Sangiovese. The estate's flagship wine. **92 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, March 2015.
91 Points – *Wine Advocate*, February 2015.
- **NEARCO** 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Syrah.
- **OLMAIA** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. One of the original "Super Tuscans." **92 Points** – James Suckling, December 2013.
- **PASCENA** 100% White Muscat dessert wine. **90 Points** – *Wine Spectator*, October 2014.
- **POGGIO AL VENTO** Brunello di Montalcino Riserva produced only in outstanding vintages. **95+ Points** – *Wine Advocate*, July 2013.
- **ROSSO DI MONTALCINO** 100% Sangiovese. **90 Points** – James Suckling, October 2014.
- **SPEZIERI** 85% Sangiovese, and 15% Cilieggiolo. 89 Points – *Wine Spectator*, 2013.



- Pre-eminent, historic Brunello estate
- With the 2013 vintage, the entire estate is organically farmed and continues biodynamic practices
- Owner Count Francesco Marone Cinzano is a highly recognized, passionate and eloquent spokesman
 - Traditional Brunello producer – large Slavonian oak - barrel aging
 - Largest collection of older vintages in Montalcino – Brunello di Montalcino Library vintage packs provide excellent opportunity for wine list impact
 - Col d' Orcia is 3rd largest land owner in Montalcino

