



Vignavecchia 2016

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG



Grape varieties

Sangiovese 100%



Vineyard

Vignavecchia - 2 hectares (4.94 acres)

Exposure

West

Training system

Spurred cordon

Density

4,000 vines/hectare (1,618 vines/acre)



Harvest

Grapes are hand harvested in small 17 kg crates during the first October weeks

Fermentation

In 600 litres tonneaux

Length of fermentation

28/30 days

Ageing

30 months in lightly-toasted 600 litres tonneaux with thick staves. This is followed by at least 6 months of bottle ageing before its market release.

Altitude

420 metres (1,378 feet) above sea level

Soil characteristic

Poor, mainly calcareous and sandy limestone composition

Planting dates

1988-1990

Yield

3400 kg/hectare

Vinification

Soft crushing of the grapes after careful selection of the berries

Fermentation temperature

28/30°C (82/86°F)

Malolactic fermentation

In 600 litres tonneaux



Alcohol content	Total acidity	Residual sugars	Dry extract	Free SO ₂	Total SO ₂	pH
14.79 % Vol	5.9 g/l	1.2 g/l	35.4 g/l	28 mg/l	79 mg/l	3.52



The winter was not particularly cold, and spring arrived slightly earlier than usual, with temperatures slightly above average, giving the vines' shoots the opportunity to uniformly develop. The following weeks saw frequent rainfall, which allowed the land to build water reserves, alternating with periods of dry weather, enabling the vines to continue growing without any problems. The damp conditions during flowering led to the formation of bunches that were slightly more sparse than usual and with rather small berries, ideal preconditions for reaching harvest time with perfectly ripe and healthy grapes. However, the feature that will make vintage 2016 particularly memorable is the excellent temperature range that characterized the months of July, August and September, with sunny days and cool, breezy nights. We therefore reached the beginning of October with grapes that exhibited a superb combination of maturity, acidity and aromatic potential, perfect conditions for the production of wines with a distinct personality and a great balance of concentration, elegance and longevity; a perfect reflection of the production philosophy of San Polo.



Intense ruby red colour. The nose expresses notes of ripe red fruits, floral aromas of violets, forest undergrowth and finishes with pleasant hints of aromatic wood. In the mouth it is warm, with a dense texture and persistence. San Polo's Brunello Vignavecchia is perfect for long aging and improves in the bottle, thanks to the characteristics of the land it comes from.



raspberry



plum



wilted violet



rosemary



lavender



The elegance and harmonious structure of this wine are excellent with red meats, wild game including fowl, more elaborate dishes, and even mushrooms and truffles. Excellent with cheeses such as Parmigiano Reggiano and Tuscan pecorino.