**Blind Tasting Wines** 

	Wine Description	Bottle #	Group Rank	Points	My Rank	Reviews
A	2015 Camigliano Brunello Di Montalcino	5	5 <sup>th</sup>	98		94 points James Suckling: A bright and elegant Brunello that suggests sliced oranges, tulips and rose petals. Medium-to full-bodied and finely structured, drawing on silky layers of tannins and a vibrant edge of acidity. Drink now or hold. (10/2019)  94 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: The Camigliano 2015 Brunello di Montalcino sees fruit from a 50-hectare vineyard planted 300 to 350 meters above sea level. The soils show lots of variation with clay, sand, rock and marine fossils. The wine's bouquet reveals classic Brunello characteristics of wild berry, forest floor, pressed rose petal, crushed stone and spice. You also get those typical balsam and herbal tones that are so specific to Montalcino. In fact, I argue that they come across with even more intensity in a beautifully balanced and sunny vintage such as 2015. This wine ages in 60-hectoliter botti for 24 months, making for a firm yet surprisingly streamlined mouthfeel. With 160,000 bottles made, the wine was released in January 2020. (ML) (1/2020)  93 points Wine Spectator: A focused, lively red, this exhibits cherry, strawberry, earth, mineral and Mediterranean herb flavors. Dense, staying fresh as this unwinds on the lingering aftertaste. (BS)  \$34.99 at K&L
В	2015 Lazzeretti Brunello di Montalcino	6	6 <sup>th</sup>	128		96 points James Suckling: This is a very, very intense Brunello with explosive spices, cedar, leather, tar and a plethora of dried plums and berries. The full-bodied palate is incredibly dense and bold, swathed in vast, comprehensive tannins and layer upon layer of plums and cherries. There's marvelous length and decadence to the finish, where the dried-spice character goes on and on. Stunning richness. (11/2019) 93 points Wine Spectator: A monolithic red, with sweetness to the black cherry, black currant and raspberry fruit. Earth and iron notes anchor the bottom end, while a tobacco accent frames the dense tannins. Offers a long finish, showing solid grip. (BS) (6/2020) 91 points Wine Enthusiast: Ripe black-skinned berry, leather and scorched earth aromas lead the nose on this structured wine. The concentrated, chewy palate offers mature black cherry, strawberry jam, star anise and black pepper alongside tightly wound tannins that need time to unwind. (KO) (4/2020) \$39.99 at K&L
С	2015 Fanti Brunello di Montalcino	1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	83		95 points James Suckling: There's a beautiful interplay between bright, primary florals, such as rose petals and tulips and dust, hay bale and dried raspberries. The palate suggests a ripe, powerful persona with chewy, juicy tannins and a fine line of pretty acidity. Best ever. Drink in 2022. (10/2019) 92 points Vinous: The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino shows a mix of ripe strawberry and plum, giving way to notes of brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and worn leather, lifted by dusty red floral tones. On the palate, I find silky textures, showcasing ripe red and blue berry fruits, with sweet spices and slow mounting tannin, as pretty inner florals develop. The finish is long, showing the wine's youthful, clenching wood tannins, yet also kept fresh through brisk acids, as notes of dried red berries and spice slowly fade. (EG) \$39.99 at K&L

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D	2015 Talenti Brunello di Montalcino	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	81	Kank	96 points James Suckling: here's freshness galore here in the form of orange zest and citrus peel. But this Brunello isn't short on power either; red licorice, cardamom and dried hibiscus pepper the nose. To support the ripe fruit are layers of sinewy tannins and gliding acidity, making for an altogether sophisticated and edgy impression. Refined and elegant on the long finish. Drink from 2023. (10/2019)  96 points Wine Enthusiast: Rose petal, crushed mint, woodland berry and eucalyptus aromas slowly take shape on this delicious full bodied red. It's linear and elegantly structured, featuring juicy Marasca cherry, cranberry, licorice and cocoa alongside firm velvety tannins. It closes on an orange-zest note. *Editors' Choice* (KO) (5/2020)  95 points Decanter: Talenti's Brunello is assembled from five different vineyards between Sant'Angelo in Colle and Castelnuovo dell'Abate. With varying soils, they also range in altitude from 250 to 400 metres. The lower sites develop higher alcohol and sweeter, riper fruit whereas the higher plots impart more acidity and fresh fruit. This is a delectable panoramic of 2015, bursting with evocative scents of chopped herbs, orange oil and forest berries. On the palate strawberry and raspberry are delicately laced with vanilla. Bright, juicy acidity keeps this light on its feet, while powdery tannins cleanse the mouth. Absolutely moreish, and for value for money, this is a must-buy. (MM) (4/2020)
E	2015 Fattoria dei Barbi Brunello di Montalcino	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	92		96 points James Suckling: Ripe plum and cherry aromas with dried flowers and spices. Some lavender and cedar, too. Full bodied, tight and chewy. Needs time to soften and come together. (10/2019) 94 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: The Fattoria dei Barbi 2015 Brunello di Montalcino is a extremely polished and precise expression that hits all the right buttons for those seeking a classic expression of Sangiovese. In appearance, the wine shows a bright ruby hue with brilliant garnet reflections. The bouquet is tempered and shy at first, but it opens quickly to reveal those characteristic aromas of wild berry, candied cherry, licorice and pressed blue flowers that are so beautifully tied to this mighty Tuscan grape. Some 149,000 bottles were released in January 2020. (ML) (1/2020) 93 points Vinous: Good brilliant red color. Wild aromas of red and darker berries, flint and violet. Juicy, herbal and firm, with precise red berry and mineral flavors. Closes bright and long, with mounting tannic bite. (ID) 93+ (4/2020) \$44.99 at K&L
F	2015 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino (Elsewhere \$60)	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	85		96 points Decanter: With vineyards between Sant'Angelo in Colle and Castelnuovo dell'Abate on the inner edge of the Sesta district, Lisini's vineyards are cleansed by constant breezes from the Tuscan Coast. Stony soils with an important underpinning of limestone as well as elevations over 300 metres help preserve freshness in their wines. The 2015 is beautifully fragrant, almost exotic in character. Plump red fruit and sweet summer herbs fill the mouth but rather than being heavy, this is poised and transparent. Ample powdery tannins are fine and lead to a tangy marine finish. (MM) (2/2020)  94 points Vinous: The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino dark and rich, showing ripe black cherries and plum, with layers of haunting florals, exotic brown spice and smoky mineral tones. On the palate, a wave of polished textures wash across the senses, ushering in juicy black cherry with sweet herbal and floral undertones, with zesty spices and vibrant acidity adding a refreshing quality. The finish is long and remarkably fresh, an example of how the warmth of Sant'Angelo in Colle can be tempered by a deft hand, as fine tannins come forward, balanced by mouthwatering acidity and punctuated by residual pure red berry fruit. It's a wine that's very easy to love, with near term appeal and potential for the cellar. (EG) (4/2020)  \$49.99 at K&L

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