



TENUTA LUCE

(Pictured) The unique cellar of Tenuta Luce was constructed within a hillside subterranean level, preserving the estate's centuries-old farmhouses above.



Brunello di Montalcino 2016

Tuscany, Italy

ESTATE

Today, Tenuta Luce goes so much further than was originally envisioned when started as a project over 20 years ago. The estate now has some of the most exceptional vineyards in Montalcino and, as of 2018, a state of the art winery to nurture every step of the winemaking process. The original vision, however, remains the same: to produce bold and ambitious Tuscan wines that reflect the culture of Montalcino.

WINE

Tenuta Luce's Brunello is the winery's tribute to Montalcino and the wine that emerged there in the second half of the 19th century to become one of Italy's crown jewels of wine production. It is produced in very small quantities to showcase the unique character of pure Sangiovese from the Tenuta Luce estate vineyards and pay tribute to the winemaking tradition of Montalcino.

VINEYARD

The estate consists of 615 acres of land, 217 of which are planted to vine. Sangiovese is planted in the higher elevation parcels (up to 1500 feet), which are rich in sandstone and limestone.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Sangiovese

Fermentation: 12 days in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats, additional 4 weeks of skin maceration

Aging: Slavonian oak barriques, 90% used once 10% new for at least 24 months

Alcohol: 15%

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season started off mild with average rainfall. In the spring, rains were abundant and well distributed, which supported an earlier budding phase that began at the beginning of April. A hot summer followed, which was, however, free of excessive daytime temperatures and was characterised by beneficial rain showers throughout the month of August, helping the plants to avoid water-related stress. September was very sunny with a noteworthy range in temperature variation that facilitated a rich concentration of aromas and polyphenols within the grapes.

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Wine Spectator

"Pure black cherry, blackberry and black currant flavors abound in this rich red, supported by graphite, earth, wild rosemary and anise notes. Balanced and almost approachable now, yet the refined tannins and bright acidity should allow this to develop for decades." - B.S. 3/2021

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