

# Castelgiocondo Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

## 2016



### 95 POINTS

**James Suckling** | [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com)

November 2020 *Black-cherry and blackberry aromas with minerals and fresh flowers, following through to a full body with firm, silky tannins that are polished and intense. Lovely finesse and length. Drink after 2023.*

### 17.5 POINTS

**Jancis Robinson** | [jancisrobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com)

March 2021 *Lustrous ruby. Sweetly perfumed red fruit and cherry nose with stony hints. Generous fruit on the palate but still not entirely open. Elegant and juicy with fine firm tannins. Long and focused - not ready yet.*

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**Kerin O'Keefe** | **Wine Enthusiast**

May 2021 *Eucalyptus, blue flower, baked plum and spice aromas shape the nose in this fragrant red. Full bodied and chewy, the savory palate delivers ripe black cherry, vanilla, licorice and espresso alongside tightly knit, velvety tannins. Drink 2023–2031.*

### 93 POINTS

**Robert Parker's Wine Advocate** | [robertparker.com](https://www.robertparker.com)

November 2021 *The Frescobaldi 2016 Brunello di Montalcino CastelGiocondo shows dark fruit, plum and spice. The wine offers good density and richness, but the aromatic intensity is downplayed compared to some of its peers from this classic vintage. Other than that, all the wine's elements are in the right place with cherry, wild plum, rose and tilled earth. Production is an ample 300,000 bottles.*

### 93 POINTS

**Wine Spectator** | [winespectator.com](https://www.winespectator.com)

June 2021 *Starts out with macerated plum and cherry fruit, shaded by tobacco, iron and earth flavors. Dense, dusty tannins put the grip on the finish, yet this is also vibrant and finds a nice equilibrium in the end, with the fruit returning. Best from 2024 through 2042.*

### 93 POINTS

**Eric Guido** | [vinous.com](https://www.vinous.com)

November 2020 *Sour cherries, spiced orange and dusty dried flowers open in the glass, as the 2016 Castelgiocondo Brunello di Montalcino slowly blossoms. The textures are creamy, contrasted by cooling minerality and juicy acids, as tart red berries saturate under an air of sweet herbs and inner florals. This finishes dry yet long, with chewy tannins and remnants of crunchy red fruit. The 2016 Castelgiocondo needs some time to come together, yet it has all of the balance necessary to mature into a real beauty.*

### 97 POINTS

**Luca Gardini** | [gardininotes.com](https://www.gardininotes.com)

November 2020 *Great version of Brunello from a winery of historical importance. On the nose, crunchy fruit, blackberry and plum jam. A touch of orange peel in the closing. In the palate, perception of iodized tannins. A final fruity taste returning with an excellent persistence.*

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### Monica Lerner | Wine Advocate

November 2020

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### Michaela Morris | Decanter

March 2021

*With over 260 hectares of vineyards extending around the 12th century castle, CastelGiocondo was one of the original four producers of Brunello in the 1800s. It has been owned by Frescobaldi since 1989. After a little cajoling, this unveils blackberry, cinnamon and moist soil aromas. Dense and compact with robust, chalky tannins, there is a lot to wade through, although lingering notes of cherry tea and penetrating brightness on the finish gives some levity. Drinking Window: 2024-2036.*