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Donatella Cinelli Colombini

Congratulations to Donatella Cinelli Colombini and her team! Great scores from The Wine Advocate available now in the March 2016 issue.

Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2011

92+ points

"The new year has started off with a bang for Donatella Cinelli Colombini. Her 2011 Brunello di Montalcino is an articulate and generous red that is endowed with thick layers of dark fruit, plum, cassis, sweet spice and moist chewing tobacco. This estate definitely presents a modern style of Brunello, but this expression shows less obvious oak compared to the wines made five years ago or more. The house style continues to show a slow evolution that puts emphasis on elegance and purity. Having said that, this Brunello also offers the immediate qualities needed for near-term consumption. You can drink it relatively soon or hold off altogether. This wine could go either way." -M.L.

Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Prime Donne 2011

91 points

"As I noted last year, I like Donatella Cinelli Colombini's base Brunello more than her 2011 Brunello di Montalcino Prime Donne selection. Compared to the annata, this wine is slightly less expressive. It offers a horizontal delivery of aromas with bold cherry, blackberry, leather and spice. It shows broad shoulders and tight muscular definition. Perhaps the bouquet is slightly less brilliant. Nonetheless, this is an opulent expression that bursts open with dark cherry fruit, soft tannins and bright acidity. The wine's softness suggests you can drink it sooner rather than later." -M.L.

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva DOCG 2010

95 points

"Showing a dark garnet color and thick consistency, the 2010 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is a very beautiful expression of Sangiovese executed in a generous and opulent style. The wine reveals deep layers with black cherry, prune, spice, leather, wet earth and pressed rose. Despite the powerful approach, there is no mistaking the wine's feminine side. I am referring to the floral, dried potpourri and church incense elements that give this Brunello such distinguished grace." -M.L.

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