

Lobert Carker WINE ADVOCATE

2020



Filippo Chia and his team kill it in this vintage. The Castello Romitorio 2020 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta is a beautiful and balanced wine. This estate is making some of the best Brunellos from Montalcino today. In the not too distant past, its vineyards were once considered too cool for ideal fruit ripening, but with climate change, the vines are now in a prime position for balanced phenolics, sugars and acidity. This wine shows a wide and complete bouquet, spanning many aromas, all delivered with direct vertical intensity. This is one of the delightful oxymorons that occurs with fine wine. It shows soft, building intensity, but most importantly, the fruit quality is bright and fresh (with 7,760 bottles made). This is a keeper.



#### PRESS FILO DI SETA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG



🐝 IAN D'AGATA WINE REVIEW

### 2020



Good full, luminous red. Slightly decadent but very pure aromas of plum, red cherry, marzipan, menthol and underbrush. Rich and broad, offers a mouth-filling plumpness without obvious weight to its forest floor, pine cone, minty red and blue fruit flavours. This very silky and seamless wine closes very persistent, smoothly tannic and should evolve slowly and well. One of the year's best Brunellos. Drinking window: 2030-2040.



## falstaff

### 2020

#### 97/100 OTHMAR KIEM, SIMON STAFFLER

Elegant, bright ruby red with a flint core. Elegant expression on the nose of blood orange, rosehip, subtle strawberry, with minimal smoky tones and a very slight aftertaste of sealing wax. Elegant entrance and progression on the palate. Very fresh, with slightly ferrous tones. Grippy, powerful, vibrant, with a salty finish.



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A silky texture announces this cherry-, blackberry- and violet-flavored red, along with notes of graphite, tobacco and wild herbs. Well-structured, with profound yet finely wrought tannins and an extra dimension of finesse that stands out. Boasting superb balance and a seemingly never-ending aftertaste, this is multidimensional and focused. Best from 2027 through 2047. 640 cases made, 200 cases imported.



#### The Wine Independent

#### 2020



The 2020 Filo di Seta has Bing cherry, orange zest, toasted baking spices leading into a juicy palate with loads of concentration and tannins that are sappy and well-managed. The oak is showy but does overpower the fruit on the finish. Polished and modern in style, it's an impressive wine with no hard edges.



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#### 2020



Delicate on the nose, reminiscent of blood oranges, ripe medlars and crunchy red currants. In the secondary profile, aromatic herbs such as peppermint, bay leaves and burnt sage. On the palate, full body, juicy and well-polymerized tannins, and a delicate and honest finish.



## vinous

### 2020

# **94+/100**

The 2020 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta is youthfully coy. Swirling the glass slowly unlocks layers of crushed stone, dried flowels, plums and smoky blackberries. It displays textures of pure silk, with polished red and black fruits elevated by a balsamic flourish that amasses toward the close. Dramatically long yet youthfully tense, it finishes structured with a saturation of fine tannins and hints of exotic spice. Bury the Filo di Seta in the cellar. It's a sleeping beauty.



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2019



The Castello Romitorio 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta reaches a whole other level of intensity and brilliance with dark fruit, blackberry, an etched mineral quality, petrichor and wet slate that gives this wine an incredibly etched and lively presentation. The tannins are velvety and perfectly match the generous texture of this beautiful Sangiovese. Only later, you start to notice the delicate tones of purple flower and iris root that give this wine such an elegant finish. This is a cellar keeper. There are 9,000 bottles of this wine. Drink date: 2025 - 2048



## vinous

### 2019

#### **95+/100** ERIC GUIDO

A precise style, exhibiting cherry, blackberry, violet, wild herb and stony mineral flavors. Underlined with a firm, harmonious structure that gives excellent overall balance. This is long, with a strong echo of fruit on the aftertaste. Best from 2026 through 2042. 750 cases made, 210 cases imported.



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### 2019

## 94/100

Black cherries, plums and floral notes with subtle, underlying citrus character. Full-bodied and structured. Chewy yet fine-grained tannins. Healthy and vibrant. Persistent length and depth. Give it more time to soften. Better after 2028.



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### 2018

## 96/100

Complex and sophisticated with seamless layers of ripe and dried cherries, truffles, caramel, dried flowers, nutmeg, chocolate orange and cassis. It's full-bodied, layered and polished, with firm tannins that are well integrated. Long and elegant. Delicious already but better after 2024.



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2018



This wine is rapidly becoming one of the most interesting vineyard selections to emerge from the Montalcino appellation thanks to the cool microclimate and black slate-like soils of the site. The Castello Romitorio 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta is a wine of unique dimension and depth. It shows tart, almost crunchy red fruit and cassis, with background notes of cola, balsam herb, crushed stone and pencil shavings. The tannins need another two or three years to become silky. The wine ages in oak for 30 months, and production is limited to 7,300 bottles in this vintage. Drink date: 2024 - 2044.



## vinous

### 2018

#### **94+/100** ERIC GUIDO

A rich, concentrated red, expressing plum, cherry, earth, iron and tobacco aromas and flavors. Shows sweetness from the ripe fruit midpalate, along with a balanced, harmonious texture. Features fine length backed by vibrant acidity and refined tannins. Best from 2025 through 2043. 620 cases made, 170 cases imported.





#### 2018

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## 2017

## 95/100

This is a muscular 2017 with a dense palate of airy tannins that give form and composure to the young wine. It's full and flavorful with white-truffle, cherry and orange-peel flavors at the end. Needs time to soften. Try after 2025.



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2017



This is a very interesting wine that tests a cool growing site in a hot vintage. The Castello Romitorio 2017 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta comes from a high-altitude vineyard with dark soils and pockets of slate and shale. It is isolated in the mountains and surrounded by thick forests and Mediterranean shrub oak. That combination of unique elements has shaped a very articulate and attuned expression that boasts vibrant fruit, smoke, spice and wet stone. The finish is sharp and especially focused with age-worthy tannins and bright acidity. Drink date: 2024 - 2044



## vinous

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#### **94+/100** ERIC GUIDO

Vibrant and open, yet has fine concentration and firm tannins underneath, while black cherry, blackberry, tar, iron and tobacco flavors hold court. Solidly built, with excellent balance and length. Best from 2025 through 2042. 520 cases made, 300 cases imported.



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## vinous

### 2016

# **97/100** Eric guido

Bright cherry, currant, floral and almond flavors are shaded by spice and tobacco accents in this racy red. Though solid, packed with dusty tannins that leave an astringent impression on the resonant finish today, this features ample fruit. Best from 2025 through 2047. 570 cases made, 150 cases imported.



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### 2016

## 96/100

Floral notes of fresh and dried violets and spicy cloves. This is a fullbodied red with juicy red fruit, spiced plums and hints of tea leaves. Firm but caressing tannins. So rich and polished at the same time. Drink after 2025 and beyond.



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2016



The Castello Romitorio 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta is beautiful in the way you would regard a contemporary painting awash in color, texture and broad brush strokes. It doesn't all line up at first glance, but then you are magically aware of the symmetry—between the lifted fruit aromas and the grounded spice and oak. The wine's various moving pieces come together in harmony. Thanks to its softly integrated tannins, it also shows great versatility in terms of its drinking window. You can enjoy it in the medium term or wait for later. Production is 6,900 bottles. Drink date: 2024 - 2045



## vinous

### 2015

# **96/100** Eric guido

A well of plum, black cherry and blackberry fruit forms the heart of this red, with support from underbrush, iron and tobacco accents. Harnesses the wild side of Montalcino. Best from 2023 through 2043. 60 cases imported.



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### 2015

## 96/100

Extremely perfumed and pure on the nose with bright and vivid, crushed cherry and berry character. Full body. Tight and poised with rich yet polished tannins and an ever so long finish. Needs at least three or four years to come together. Better after 2021.



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2015



We didn't see this wine in 2014, so it's nice to have it back. The Castello Romitorio 2015 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta is born in a unique vineyard site that is characterized by a greater presence of schist or slate-like shards in the soils. These conditions contribute to the sharp and focused aromas you get here. Pencil shaving and granite rock come to mind. However, the wine is equally expressive when it comes to its ample fruit and floral profile, and there's enough spice and soft leather or tobacco to hold it all neatly together in one happy package. It ages in oak for 30 months. This wine marks an ideal marriage between vintage and soil. The wine was released in January 2020, and 7,472 bottles were made.



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