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## CastelGiocondo 2017



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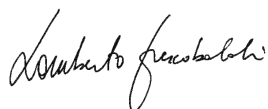
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Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The village of Castelgiocondo overlooks the historic estate of the Frescobaldis in Montalcino: an ancient stronghold built in 1100 to defend the road leading from the sea to Siena. The property is one of the first 4 to begin producing Brunello di Montalcino in 1800, and its historic importance is represented on the label of Castelgiocondo by the figure of a condottiere from a celebrated fresco of the Sienese artist Simone Martini.

The artist's depiction shows Guidoriccio da Fogliano, commander of the troops of Siena who in 1323 led the attack on the Montemassi castle; an historic moment that coincided with the initiation of the Frescobaldi family's centuries-old adventure in the world of wine.



## Climatic trend

Winter in 2017 was rather mild, with slightly above-average temperatures. Summer and spring saw high temperatures and low rainfall. The combination of the clay-rich soils and particularly dry growing season resulted in decent growth and excellent subsequent ripening. When the grapes were harvested, they were healthy, intact and well concentrated. The abundant light and heat in 2017 gave the CastelGiocondo wines extraordinary strength and richness.

## Vinification and ageing

The great care take in the vineyard, together with the typical characteristics of this unmistakable terroir, resulted in an outstanding harvest. The Sangiovese grapes were picked by hand and carefully selected after arriving at the cellar. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature with frequent pump-overs, particularly during the early stages. The wine was then aged in wood containers, where it was able to mature and develop balance. 5 years after the grapes were picked, and only after another period spent ageing in the bottle, CastelGiocondo Brunello is ready to be placed on the market.

## Tasting notes

CastelGiocondo 2017 has an intense, bright ruby-red colour. Like every vintage, 2017 brought with it a wonderfully elegant quality. The bouquet features fruity aromas, particularly at the beginning, with notes of raspberry, blackcurrant and even pomegranate. The beautifully harmonious and alluring hints of violet and rose are truly wonderful. Gradually, its maturity becomes truly remarkable, revealing spiced hints of white pepper, clove and star anise, toasted notes and more complex roasted notes and hints of liquorice. On the palate, the tannic structure is dense and the mineral quality is wonderful. This is an incredibly harmonious wine with a long, persistent finish.



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