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Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

"CastelGiocondo is a unique place in Montalcino, where the diverse exposures and soils – marl, clay and Pliocene sand – create a Brunello with infinite nuances. With complex notes that evolve over time, there is always something new to discover, savour and remember."

#### Climatic trend

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The 2019 season was characterised by a cold and fairly dry winter, with bud break in the first week of April as usual. The spring was rainy during the flowering period, which slowed the fruit set, naturally lowering the productive potential of the plants. The May rains created an important water reserve. The summer was dry, with little rain, but thanks to the water reserve created in the spring, the vines were not distressed. These conditions allowed for typical veraison and excellent maturation, while the cool nights were ideal for developing the colour and aromas. In mid-September, the north wind caused a drop in temperatures. This cool and windy yet sunny season was particularly ideal for the Sangiovese grapes, which were able to complete their maturation with great aromatic and polyphenolic potential. The grapes arrived at harvest time healthy, intact and with the right concentration, certainly a great vintage for Brunello di Castel Giocondo.

# Vinification and ageing

Nearly perfect weather conditions meant that the grapes could be harvested by hand without any great difficulty, and they underwent scrupulous selection on the sorting benches once they reached the winery. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature, with frequent pumping over, especially during the early stages. The wine was then aged in large wooden barrels, where it was able to mature and become more refined until it achieved perfect harmony.

# Tasting notes

To the eye, it is a brilliant ruby red. In a particularly good year like 2019, the Brunello di Montalcino di Castelgiocondo reveals extraordinary elegance in a wine that is particularly complex and intense on the nose. Af first, it has a distinctly fruity bouquet, with clear hints of blackberry, accompanied by various other woodland berries. The floral notes of violet and wild rose are omnipresent in Brunello di Castelgiocondo. Spicy, straight, fresh, with hints of cocoa beans and undergrowth alongside nutmeg and the inevitable varied spicy sensations. On the palate, its tannic texture is very dense and supported by a generous body, in a very satisfying balance of flavours. The finish is very long with a touch of liquorice root to underline the IAP.