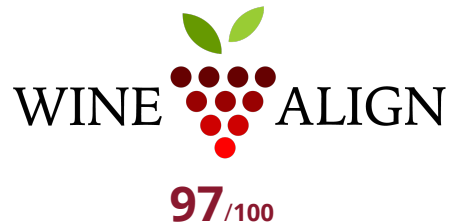


CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA®

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO
VIGNA LA CASACCIA

2018



Great anticipation to taste La Casaccia and Montosoli side by side from a vintage carrying no option but to act out the passion play through the glaring clarity of a sense of place. There are facts involved and there is no hiding the truth formed by these plots of sangiovese in this vintage. By now it is understood how 2018 exists on its own accord at one with nature though Francesco Ripaccioli will tell you there are similarities with 2013, if only because that vintage was greatly ignored and is drinking well at this time. La Casaccia in the località of Canalichio is the wildcard of Montalcino and tasting several wines from the frazione reveals a collective affinity supplied by the year's gifts. Nothing was portioned or taken away from the '18 Annata and yet this Vigna sings with even more range and depth than that wine. The acids are simply out of this proverbial world, the linear aspects drawn with precise architectural or even, in Old English speak, a Cutter's line. Remarkable reserve in concentration and forward slicing finesse. Forever long. Forever young. Drink 2025-2038.

- Michael Godel