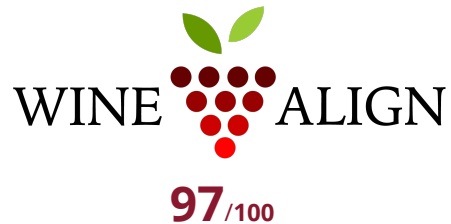


CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA®

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO
VIGNA MONTOSOLI

2020



Montosoli the northerly Montalcino mound, the hill of freshness, the knoll where sangiovese gains grip, savour and elegance, where Canalicchio di Sopra's Vigna designate Brunello from six hectares delivers approximately five into this wine. The precision and fluidity of this '20 is just about as fine and graceful as the Ripaccioli have ever produced. Literally the juice or blood of Montosoli's Galestro, a clay-schist flaking at the surface bleeding back down into the earth, acquired by the roots, vacuumed back up into the vines and gifted to the bunches. Sapidity is similar to 2018 and that year was cold(er) which explains how soil is such the driver, especially for Montosoli. This tastes as you might expect, concentrated, texturally full and without pause. Incredible Brunello. Poised, seemingly ready but not, looking ahead two decades, maybe more. With thanks to perfectly restrained cellar work, timing and decision making. In this moment, at least in terms of clarity, 2020 is a Montosoli vintage. Drink 2026-2036.

- Michael Godel -