

CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA®

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO
VIGNA LA CASACCIA

2019

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The Vigna wines at Canalicchio are part of a long-standing project by Francesco Ripaccioli to isolate single plots within the estate. La Casaccia is in the Canalicchio cru, the more calcareous, clay-rich area surrounding the winery, and was planted in 1990. The nose starts savoury, with cheese rind and fresh mushroom opening up to reveal pretty notes of honeysuckle over blood orange and dried amarena cherry, reflecting the gentle warmth of the vintage. It gradually becomes sweeter and more strawberry-toned as the reduction from 36 months in large botti blows off. Mouthwatering acidity ushers in a palate lively with much brighter, redder cherry fruit than the nose, even shading into cranberry, with a pretty assortment of verbena and grassy herbs. There is an unexpected lightness and elegance to the mid-palate, graciously draped in slippery glycerol. The tannins are also quite luxuriant and baroque, forming folds of nappa leather on the back. Drink 2026 – 2045.

- Sarah Heller MW -