

CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA®

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO
2014

Decanter

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Francesco Ripaccioli called the 2014 harvest never-ending. After dropping any unhealthy grapes mid-September, 80% of what remained was picked for the Rosso on 25 September. The Brunello harvest, beginning on 5 Oct, consisted of only the smallest, most concentrated bunches, which in other years would 'give marmalade', notes Ripaccioli. The resulting wine is one of the successes of the vintage. Quite piercing and perfumed, its floral and red fruit tones are countered by touches of smoke and earth which linger remarkably. There's plenty of nerve and fine-boned tannin to support. Without lacking substance, this captures Sangiovese's glorious lightness of being.

- Michaela Morris