

CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA®

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

2017



Considering the location of Canalicchio di Sopra's vineyards to the east and north of Montalcino there should be every reason to think that 2017 would not pose the problem to making a top Annata. Francesco Ripaccioli would likely smile that wry smile when he knows that the year was in fact a magnanimous challenge but he would also follow up with that confident smile of this. Ripaccioli has the fortune and the instincts, to mix and match, to layer and compliment, to figure with mathematical precision and this wine expresses all that and more. There is cut and linearity, a finest architectural line and a freshness that belies what heat might want to take control. A fine classico for Montalcino that speaks to the best of all worlds within. Drink 2023-2030. Tasted November 2021.

- Michael Godel