

Wine Description

2004 Uccellieria Brunello di Montalcinos

Wine: 2004 Uccellieria Brunello di Montalcino
Purchase Date: March 2009
Purchase Price: \$650/case, \$55/bottle
Quantity: 24 bottles
Category: |
Indicated drinking date: |
Purchased by: Crocker
Reason for Purchase: This wine has been cast by the experts to be the best of the 2004 Brunello from Montalcino and happens to be another vintage of Uccellieria which we know as we have vintages 97 Reserva, 98, 99, 2000, 2003 in our cellar. The committee has not tasted any 2004's as they are not available yet. The younger group has used these wines at a couple of dinners and have been very impressed.

The April 30th issue of the Wine Spectator features a "Special Report" on 2004 Brunello di Montalcinos. This is a vintage that they rate at "97" points and that staff writer, James Suckling calls, "A classic vintage, wonderfully perfumed and majestically refined with an excellent balance of fruit and refined tannins. Many are beautiful to drink now but will be even better with two or three more years of bottle age. And they should improve for decades to come. I have tasted more than 100 wines in my office in Tuscany and have found dozens of outstanding bottles; in fact, about 75% received scores of 90 or more points."

Heading the list at 97 points is our long time friend and colleague, Andrea Cortonesi. His beautiful wine is rated higher than ALL others, including the legendary, expensive Brunellos from: Casanova di Neri, Altesino, Siro Pacente, and Valdicava.

We are thrilled for Andrea and are happy that we have some access to the wine, as we have bought every vintage of Andrea's wine for over a dozen years. Suckling wrote, "Complex aromas of rose, blackberry, blueberry, dark chocolate. Full bodied, with velvety tannins. Intense." This is indisputable GREAT wine.

This offering is limited, as you may surmise, and must be sold first come, first served, subject to availability.

Andrea Cortonesi, who was born and raised in Montalcino, has worked in Montalcino's wine world his entire career. Uccellieria is a miniscule gem of a domain. In the mid-eighties, with sweat and perseverance, Andrea purchased the property from the renowned Ciacci family, for whom he consulted. In the ensuing decade he renewed the vineyards and did extensive work on the property. For the past several years he has been working with Marc de Grazia. The result is absolutely brilliant wine.