

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Nello DOCG 2016

Baricci



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The Baricci 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Nello is elegant and fine but certainly sharper and more linear compared to the fleshier 2015 vintage. This wine is well-suited to long-term aging. Time in the bottle will help it to flesh out and expand, texturally speaking. The wine is etched and focused with cassis, red berry and crushed limestone. You also get hints of wild herb and lavender. This is a very pretty Riserva, and as it opens, it begins to show riper and richer black fruit. No doubt, Baricci Colombaio Montosoli (this is the full name of the estate) is blessed with one of the best growing sites in the Brunello appellation. The vineyard is spectacular, with views of the medieval Montalcino skyline in the distance and open plains of sun-lit exposures. This is one of a handful of wineries located in the Montosoli subzone, with its special well-draining mix of marl and galestro soils. Ancient marina fossils are often found here. The area also enjoys steep diurnal shifts, making for fresh wines with lifted, fragrant aromas. Federico Buffi and his family recently completed construction on a winery overhaul. Located a few steps away from the best vineyard sites, the old winery was cramped and needed updating, especially in the fermentation area.

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