



CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO

ZODIAC LIMITED EDITION: DOG 狗

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2011



Zodiac Collection & The Artist

The Zodiac Collection is a prestigious wine, named after its tiny vineyard, selected by Castiglioni del Bosco as the estate's very best. Sitting at an altitude of 450 meters, the vineyard boasts its own unique terroir with an exposition that allows its vines to capture fully the sun's rays all day long, especially in the morning. The result is a light-filled wine of great complexity and elegance.

This year's label has been realized by renowned Chinese artist Li Fu Yuan. His painting style is characterized by the strength of composition and the use of vibrant colors; he creates a whole animal kingdom, which express his joy in life and nature.

Vineyard

<i>Appellation:</i>	Brunello di Montalcino Riserva DOCG
<i>Grape:</i>	Sangiovese 100%
<i>Elevation:</i>	450 meters a.s.l.
<i>Exposure:</i>	South-west
<i>Soil profile:</i>	Rich in clay shale and marl (Galestro)
<i>Training System:</i>	Guyot

Vinification

<i>Harvest:</i>	Second half of October
<i>Vinification:</i>	The fermentation lasted 18 days with a temperature 28°, followed by a long maceration on the skins
<i>Ageing:</i>	36 months in French oak, the wood comes from selected forests that are more than 300 years old, followed by 6 months in concrete tanks.
<i>Alcohol:</i>	14,5%
<i>Total production:</i>	488 numbered bottles, 1,5 l format

James Suckling: 96 points

Tasting notes

The bouquet is lively and dynamic, marked by floral aromas evoking violet, lilac, geranium and small red fruits. The nose is enriched by aromatics such as thyme, laurel and mint, drawing the Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2011 Year of the Dog as one of the finest expressions of the Montalcino terroir, integrated by an elegant yet complex texture and firmness.