



CASTIGLIONI DEL BOSCO

## ZODIAC LIMITED EDITION: ROOSTER 鸡 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2010

### *Zodiac Edition & 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.

Zodiac Rooster has great complexity and elegance, sparking competition among collectors all over the world. It features a beautifully-rendered rooster by artist Shao Fan (邵帆), who is one of the first Chinese artists to explore the boundaries between visual art and design, and his work has become an icon symbolizing China's modern transformation.

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### *Vineyard*

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

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### *Vinification*

<b>Harvest:</b>	Second half of October
<b>Vinification:</b>	The fermentation lasted 18 days with a temperature 28°, followed by a long maceration on the skins.
<b>Ageing:</b>	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.
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14,5%
<b>Total Production:</b>	688 numbered bottles 1,5 l and 8 five litres bottles.

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### *James Suckling: 99 points*

### *Tasting notes*

An aroma of complex bouquet with a never-ending evolution, the bright ruby red Sangiovese wine is an exquisite vintage. It begins with a rich blend of ripe plum and cherry that eventually opens to tertiary aromas with enveloping, spicy, balsamic and mineral notes. The prosperity of soft and intense tannins well balanced with the acidic and alcoholic components directly reminds us of the perfect ripeness of the grapes during the harvest. Wine with a unique energy that will allow an incredibly long aging.

