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# Brunello di Montalcino and Brunello di Montalcino Riserva: 2018, 2017 and Other Recent Releases, Part 1



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## Castiglion del Bosco

“Cecilia Leoneschi, the talented winemaker at Castiglion del Bosco who deserves credit for basically reworking the brand’s previously uninspiring image and slowly but surely



helping to make the wines under her tenure very inspiring, continues to study and push the envelope, going where few are venturing in Montalcino. And so it is that from 2003-2009 the winery replanted twenty of their sixty hectares (and in this replanting phase, the vines were placed at the top of the little hills that make up the estate’s holdings). It was during these years that she realized the vineyards could be subdivided into different plots that gave different wines.

In fact, Castiglion del Bosco has long paid attention to vineyard origin of their wines: for example, with their Campo del Drago Brunello, the estate was the first to produce a single vineyard Brunello in the Montalcino denomination. And this energy, passion, and study are lavished not only on the Brunello, but on the Rosso too: just imagine that Castiglion del Bosco is the only Montalcino estate I know of currently working on producing three different single-vineyard Rosso di Montalcino wines.

Leoneschi is a precursor of things to come in Montalcino, and she deserves credit for her ideas, insight, and thinking outside the Montalcino box. No doubt, she will be copied by others around her soon enough.”

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