

Brunello di Montalcino 2007

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Today Walter moves on from [Chianti Classico](#) and [Vino Nobile di Montepulciano](#) to Montalcino.

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The wines are grouped by quality category and then alphabetically by producer (surname).

[Angelini 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Concentrated but evolved ruby with broad, orange rim. Beef-stock opening. This herbal streak also has an initial grip on the fruit, but there is more concentration on the finish. Rather dry. (WS)

[Antinori, Pian delle Vigne 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Quite mature and rich nose ever so slightly stalky. Good concentration but still compact and backward. (WS)

[Argiano 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Mid ruby with broad orange rim. Subdued nose. Rather closed on the palate too. Very slow. Powerful, grainy tannin. So slow! Brooding concentrated fruit on the finish. Long. Monolithic. (WS)

[Banfi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 14.5 Drink 2012-2014

Mid to pale ruby with orange tinge. A bit weedy and unfocused on the nose. Mellow, round palate without a lot of tension. More like a modest Rosso than anything else. Special supermarket cuvée? (WS)

[Barbi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5 Drink 2013-2020

Concentrated, mid ruby with slight orange tinge. Compact, subdued and very backward. Won't allow itself to be pulled out of the glass even when swirled energetically. Clever oak management, good balance. Lots of sweet fruit seems to secure a bright future. Big. (WS)

[Baricci 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 15.5 Drink 2012-2017

Medium ruby starting to mature. Hint of forest floor and spice. Gentle and elegant palate and with the right dose of tannin. Ever so slightly bitter on the finish, which lets it down. (WS)

[Belpoggio 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16 Drink 2012-2020

Deep ruby with orange-tinged rim. Quite sweet, and with almost a hint of coconut. Shows a core of sweet fruit with contrasting drying tannin. Very sweet finish. Piles it up high. (WS)

[Biondi Santi, Villa Poggio Salvi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Quite mature-looking orange-rimmed ruby. Very closed, but well focused and concentrated on the palate. Ripe, coating and rich tannin impression. Wait. (WS)

Bonacchi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2018

Deep ruby just beginning to get lighter on the rim. Soft, round, sweet and a touch creamy. Impressive, sweet length but needs more complexity. (WS)

Brunelli 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5+ Drink 2014-2020

Mid crimson. Very stubborn and slow. Rich and very concentrated sweet fruit and muscular fine tannin. Great stuffing and ripeness. Just at the beginning of its development. Very concentrated, almost rich finish. (WS)

Gianni Brunelli, Le Chiuse di Sotto 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 17.5 Drink 2014-2024

Visually almost Pinot Noir-like. Chalky and minerally, but not giving a lot away on the fruit side. Very elegant and compact, polished even. Fantastic elegant mouthfeel too. Persistent powdery tannin. Wonderful stuff. (WS)

Canalicchio di Franco Pacenti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2017

Deep, maturing ruby with orange tinge. Very straightforward and ripe with fruitcake notes. Could be a bit fresher and more complex. (WS)

Canalicchio di Sopra 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2018

Concentrated ruby with small orange rim. Immediate, sweet dried fruit kept in check by acidity. Undeniably very ripe, but not too dense. Popular appeal seems secured. (WS)

Canneta 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Medium concentrated dark ruby and orange rim. Hints of very ripe fruit but surprisingly closed to the point of being numb. Seems hugely concentrated, but a bit rustic on the finish. (WS)

Cantina di Montalcino 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Medium concentrated, evolved ruby with broad orange rim. Sweet dried-fruit hints. Bit one-dimensional because of that. Lacks the stuffing to make it a real Brunello. (WS)

Capanna 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2018

Deep, concentrated ruby with orange tinge. Richness backed up by big tannins. Undeniably concentrated, but lacks finesse. (WS)

Capanne Ricci 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2020

Deep ruby with orange rim. Savoury, full bodied and with quite substantial tannin. Not the most subtle, but long. (WS)

Caparzo 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2013-2019

Mid ruby with broader orange rim. Seems slightly evolved on the nose with the first signs of tar. Quite Sangiovese, though. Nice richness and acidity. Stalky, persistent finish. (WS)

La Carlina, La Togata 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Deep, evolving ruby. Stewed fruit nose spells a short life. (WS)

Casanuova delle Cerbaie 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby with broad orange tinge. Sweetly perfumed and fairly upfront on the palate. A bit rustic and a touch hot on the finish. (WS)

Castelli Martinozzi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Mid ruby with orange tinges. Very soft and round without any real bite or structure. And with quite a lot of vanilla pod on the finish. (WS)

Castello di Velona 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Ever so slightly lacklustre ruby with orange tinge. Curiously exotic spice nose. Sweet fruit struggles a little with the oak tannin. Very dry tannin on a sweet fruit finish. (WS)

Castello Romitorio 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2020

Mid ruby with orange tinge. The vintage's hallmark sweetness wrapped up in tight oak. Enough freshness on a generous finish. (WS)

Castiglion del Bosco 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Sweet oak and sweetly fruity. A tad of acidity would have pulled it up a bit more. (WS)

Le Chiose 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Mid crimson with orange-tinged rim. Intense, sweet cherry fruit with grippy tannin. Not the most polished, at least not at this moment, but does the job admirably. (WS)

Donatella Cinelli Colombini 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Lacklustre, deep ruby with small orange tinge. Compact, concentrated and underlined by posh oak. Ripe and opulent and hedonistic. (WS)

Col d'Orcia 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Lacklustre medium ruby with orange tinge. Creamy nose followed by a fruit-driven palate. Crunchy tannin keeps it interesting. Good length. (WS)

Il Colle 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Medium concentrated ruby with broader orange-tinged rim. Very spicy and worryingly leathery, which has a grip on the fruit, at least for the moment. But the concentration is there. (WS)

Collelcto 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Mid to pale ruby. Sweet toffee notes of the oak. No shy oak treatment here! Too dominant and smothering the fruit. (WS)

Collemattoni 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2018

Deep ruby with lighter rim just beginning to open up. Quite pretty, sweet nose, but a tad too sweet for comfort on the finish. (WS)

La Colombina 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Medium concentrated ruby with orange rim. Stalky and herbal. Seems a tad unripe. Contrasting sweet fruit with a very dry finish. (WS)

Cupano 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Deep ruby just beginning to show orange. Pretty sweet and commercial and a tad stewed. No real breed here. (WS)

Donna Olga 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2016

Mid ruby with orange tinge. Herbal nose. Slightly unfocused on the palate. Dry tannin on the finish. (WS)

Fanti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Medium ruby with orange rim. Mellow and easygoing, and not terribly demanding. Some tough tannins on the finish. (WS)

Fattoi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby just beginning to show some orange. Chalky and hints of oak. Plenty of extract and almost completely integrated acidity. Crunchy tannin, a crowd pleaser. (WS)

Claudio Ferrero 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2016

Concentrated crimson. Rich and attractive oak nose. Good concentration and balance. Undeniably rich, but has enough personality to pull it off. (WS)

La Fiorita 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2017

Medium concentrated ruby with lighter rim. Almost brutally sweet oak. Dominates the palate too. Rich and sweet finish with drying tannin. (WS)

La Fornace 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2013-2017

Medium ruby just beginning to show some orange. Earthy with a hint of shoe polish and oak and the beginning of tar. Liquorice and lingering fruit, but lots of aggressive, drying bitter tannin. (WS)

La Fortuna 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2020

Mid crimson with broader, orange-tinged rim. Intriguing sweet fruit with depth. Lots of concentrated sweet cherry on the palate. Very good length with stalky tannin. Rich and satisfying. (WS)

Fossacolle 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2016

Concentrated but evolved-looking ruby with orange tinges. Quite mature with a distinct note of dried fruit. Quite bold tannin and seems to lack a bit of fruit to offset this. Mid term. Touch dry on the finish. (WS)

Friggiale e Pietranera 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2016

Mid ruby beginning to open up on the rim. Stalky but at the same time quite rich and concentrated. Bit crude but not without merit. (WS)

La Fuga 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Mid crimson. Sweet, oaked fruit on the nose, and lots of sweet concentrated fruit on the palate. Quite dense and popular. (WS)

Fuligni 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2014-2020

Concentrated ruby with orange-tinged rim. Very young and spicy. Juvenile on the palate too. Quite closed but fragrant finale. Lots of stalky tannin demanding more time. (WS)

La Gerla 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5 Drink 2013-2020

Deep ruby with orange tinge. Very Sangiovese with a mature edge to it but not yet fully open. Touch of farmyard? Lovely concentration with the merest suggestion of oak. Intense fruit finish with persistent tannin keeping the attention span. (WS)

Lisini 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2013-2018

Mid crimson just beginning to open up. Sweet liquorice and herb liqueur. Full bodied but with low-key fruit. Bit drying on the finish. (WS)

Loacker, Corte Pavone 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2013-2016

Very dark crimson. Stalky and with a vegetal streak. Not very impressive on the palate either, but some fruit turns up on the finish. Dry! (WS)

La Magia 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Deep ruby just beginning to show some orange on the rim. Opulent fruit cake and dried fruit with black tea. Very accessible, but perhaps not complex enough to justify the Brunello tag. (WS)

Il Marroneto 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5+ Drink 2013-2020

Mid to pale ruby with broad rim. Undeniably opulent, but with good balance and tension and lovely palate weight. (WS)

Mastrojanni 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Mid ruby with orange rim. Sweet cherry fruit with a dusting of cocoa. Fragrant spread with minerally and savoury notes and ongoing coating tannin. (WS)

Máté 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2014-2022

Medium ruby with palish orange rim. More minerally than fruity on the nose, at least for the moment. Extremely fine, concentrated fruit core, with crunchy tannins. Ends a tad stalky but lots of promise for the future. (WS)

Mocali 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby just beginning to open up on the rim. Posh oak, and quite a lot of that. Plenty of concentrated fruit to cope with that, but a little bit more hands-off winemaking would do the trick! (WS)

Silvio Nardi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2014-2020

Mid ruby with orange tinges. Quite dumb on the nose and not very expressive on the palate. There is richness but I miss the finesse. Perhaps it is yet to come? (WS)

Siro Pacenti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2017

Ever so slightly lacklustre mid ruby with orange-tinged rim. Very low key and a touch vegetal. Much richer on the palate, but lacks complexity. Perhaps this will come round? (WS)

La Palazzetta 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Concentrated ruby with orange rim. Ripe and soft with notes of baking spice. Tad simple on the palate, but has length. Drying finish. (WS)

Il Paradiso di Frassina 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 17 Drink 2012-2022

Deep, concentrated ruby, with broader orange-tinged rim. Upfront, ripe and sweet. Lots of concentration and power, with rich tannins to match. Very long. (WS)

Il Paradiso di Manfredi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Quite evolved, dark ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Very ripe, perhaps a touch stewed. Nice tannin structure and good concentration, but already quite developed. Perhaps not enormously impressive. For drinking now. (WS)

Pian delle Querci 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2016

Quite light ruby with broad orange rim. Appealing and very ripe. Quite sweet and not the most demanding. More like a Rosso di Montalcino. (WS)

Agostina Pieri 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2018

Palish ruby with broad rim. Quite sweet and ripe, almost like Mon Chéri chocolate, with hints of dried fruit. Elegant palate weight. Lots of concentrated sweet fruit on the finish. A touch rustic perhaps. (WS)

Pinino 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2017

Evolved-looking medium concentrated dark ruby. Sweet fruit with a hint of cooked rhubarb. Lively palate, but the fruit struggles with the oak. (WS)

La Poderina 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5+ Drink 2014-2022

Mid crimson with the beginning of orange tinge. Very compact and backward. Opens up on the finish. Impressive tannin and concentration, and yet elegant. Wait. (WS)

Poggio Antico 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 17 Drink 2012-2022

Mature-looking medium concentrated ruby. A touch candied and peppery on the nose. Sweetly perfumed. Very extracted, but with the right amount of acidity and with enormous length. Quite brash oak treatment, but the wine pulls it off in style. Modernist. (WS)

Poggio il Castellare 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Medium deep ruby with broader orange rim. A bit stalky and herbal on the nose and quite soft fruit burdened with drying tannin. (WS)

Il Poggiolo 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16.5+ Drink 2013-2022

Deep ruby with orange tinges. Closed and brooding. Sweet fruit core, but immediately closes up again. Lingering finish and good balance. Grows on you. Quite full bodied. (WS)

Il Poggiolo, Terra Rossa 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2018

Concentrated ruby with orange tinges. Nose marked by lots of expensive oak, matched by big concentration. Questionable if it needed this treatment. Less would have been more. (WS)

[Il Poggione 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 17 Drink 2014-2022

Dark ruby with orange-tinged rim. Savoury, and dense nose. Reluctant to show fruit. Grippy fruit palate. Great effort for the vintage. Rich, indeed, but classy. (WS)

[Le Potazzine Gorelli 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 15 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Perhaps a touch overripe, certainly not the most complex on the nose. Good concentration on the palate, though, but needs to go the extra mile, which this isn't doing. (WS)

[Quattroventi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Quite deep and dark with orange rim. Stalky and a bit grubby at first with leathery oak notes. A tad sweet and docile on the palate. (WS)

[Querce Bettina 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 14.5 Drink 2012-2016

Mid crimson. Beef stock and a touch of cocoa and a bit medicinal at first, and not too complex. (WS)

[Le Ragnaie 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby with orange rim. A bit herbal and stalky and a tad sweet on the finish. Has the signature Le Ragnaie elegance on the palate, but is just a touch too leafy and stalky. (WS)

[La Rasina 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Quite dark and evolved ruby. Quite slow to open up, with similar embryonic fruit on the palate. (WS)

[Le Ripi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 14 Drink 2012-2015

Mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Oak piled high here. Vanilla and coconut smothered fruit. Seems a bit outdated to make wine like this. (WS)

[Ruffino, Greppone Mazzi 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5 Drink 2013-2020

Maturing mid ruby with broad orange rim. Very closed. Very backward on the palate too, full bodied and sweet fruit concentration on the finish. Embryonic and potentially huge, nothing shy about this. (WS)

[Salvioni 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 17+ Drink 2014-2020

Mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Roast aromas and sweet fruit and a hint of horse saddle. Elegant palate weight and aromatic build up on the finish. Real bite and crunch. (WS)

[San Polino 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16.5+ Drink 2014-2020

Concentrated ruby with orange-tinged rim. Fragrant and ethereal with a fine spicy edge. Lots of concentration here, with matching crunchy tannin. Ripe and dense without going over the top. Already approachable but will age. (WS)

[San Polo 2007 Brunello di Montalcino](#) 16 Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby with orange tinge. Elegant black tea and cherry nose. Elegant palate too with good balance. Not hugely complex but very attractive. (WS)

Vasco Sassetti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16 Drink 2012-2018

Mid crimson with the beginning of orange on the rim. Stalky, herbal and a bit vegetal. Elegant mouthfeel, with convincing concentration and length. Shame about the unfocused nose. (WS)

Sesta di Sopra 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Medium ruby with broad orange tinge. Starts quite medicinal but with a sweet, spicy layer underneath. Very ripe fruit with a fruit-cake edge. Quite sweet and can be drunk now. (WS)

Sesti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15 Drink 2012-2016

Palish maturing ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Very stalky and a bit grubby. Sweetly fruity, but fails to convince. (WS)

Talenti 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 16+ Drink 2012-2018

Mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Very sweet and with a hint of dried fruit. More depth of fruit on the palate and with lots of extract. Could be a bit more complex. (WS)

Uccelliera 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 17 Drink 2012-2020

Lacklustre mid ruby with small orange-tinged rim. Quite ripe and spicy and with bags of concentrated sweet fruit and richly tannic. Lots of stuffing. Generous. (WS)

La Velona 2007 Brunello di Montalcino 15.5 Drink 2012-2018

Maturing, mid ruby. Lifted note with the first signs of maturation. Lots of crunch and ripeness and very accessible. (WS)