

## Cerbaiona 2016

### A No Points Zone...but a 'Must Buy' for the cellar!

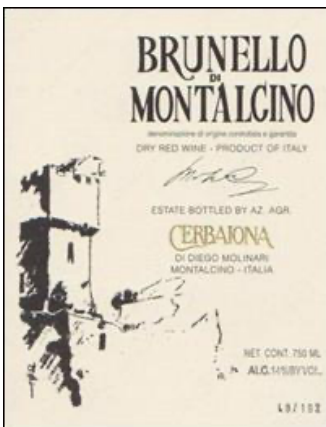
Cerbaiona is an iconic estate founded by the legendary Diego Molinari in 1977. At the age of 84, he sold the estate in 2015 to a group of American investors led by Gary Rieschel, an American collector, and Matthew Fioretti, who is the estate's very hands-on manager. Fioretti is joined by vineyard manager Maurizio Bovini, who joined in 2016, bringing his decades of experience in vineyard and cellar management.

The vineyards include three main blocks planted in 1978, 1986 and 2000. All farming is organic since 2015, and in 2017, an additional 1.5 hectares of Sangiovese were planted on the steep slope that drops down the back of the main villa and stone cellar winery. Winemaking is hands off, with indigenous yeast fermentations, manual punch-downs and limited pump-overs in upright oak tanks. The Brunello's age in Slavonian oak casks (from 10 to 20 hectolitres) with minimal racking.

Since the property was sold in 2015, they have not released a Brunello, all the wine was declassified in 2014 & 2015 to Rosso di Montalcino as the team concentrated on overhauling the estate.

Whilst Matthew Fioretti praised the legacy of Diego Molinari, he felt that there was a huge amount of work to be done in both the vineyard and winery and took example from the likes of Romano dal Forno in Valpolicella and Luciano Sandrone in Barolo as his benchmarks. In the last 30 years there has been a huge shift to precision viticulture and a more hygienic approach to winemaking.

Now after much work and extensive renovations, Cerbaiona are prepared to release the 2016 Brunello di Montalcino. In what has been described as a perfect growing season, Matthew Fioretti compares the 2016 Brunello to being the same quality as the estate's 2010 vintage (***a wine scored 100 Points by Antonio Galloni***).



#### 2016 Brunello di Montalcino, Cerbaiona

@ £750 c/s In Bond – 6 cases available (6 bottles per case, OWC)

@ £275 per magnum In Bond – 4 magnums available (OWC/1)

*Matthew Fioretti has requested critics refrain from scoring his wine, taking the lead of Teobaldo Cappellano many years ago.*

It is well worth reading his letter, setting out the reasons, see link: [Cerbaiona: A No Points Zone](#)

Scores or no scores, it's safe to say the future of Cerbaiona is in safe hands.

Production of this iconic estate is so small it will sell to those in the know, lack of scores will not hinder sales, hopefully pricing will remain more consistent as a result!

Please let me know your requirements.

*Offered subject to remaining unsold and final written confirmation.*

*Delivery will be charged at cost.*

*Wines to be shipped summer 2021.*