

Lohn der Mühlen



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2014 ist zweifellos einer der schwierigsten Jahrgänge für den Brunello di Montalcino seit Langem. Umso erstaunlicher ist, wie viele Betriebe durch strenge Selektion dennoch zwar deutlich weniger Menge, aber dafür sehr gute bis ausgezeichnete Qualitäten auf die Flasche bringen konnten. Die besten Weine des Jahrgangs sind saftig, lebhaft und frisch und machen bei manchen Produzenten sogar mehr Vergnügen als ihre Pendanten aus offiziell weit größeren Jahrgängen.

Das mag nicht zuletzt am fast durchweg spürbar moderateren Alkohol liegen, aber natürlich auch an der Sorgfalt, mit der die Topleute ganz offensichtlich zu Werke gingen.

Noch einmal von ganz anderer Klasse sind die besten 2013er Riserve. Selten hatten wir eine ähnliche Serie begeisternder Brunello auf dem Tisch, denen es gelingt, Konzentration, Kraft und Tiefe mit Feinheiten und Frische zu verbinden.

Rund 150 Weine haben wir für dieses BEST Of probiert. Links zu allen Weinen finden Sie im Magazin unter: www.wein-plus.eu/bo

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Chefverkoster Marcus Hofschuster und sein Team arbeiten hauptberuflich für den Weinführer und nehmen sich für jede Weinbeurteilung ausreichend Zeit. Alle Weine werden ausschließlich im neutralen Proberaum von Wein-Plus in Erlangen verkostet. Die Verkostung erfolgt blind, so dass Wein und Erzeuger dem Verkoster bei der Bewertung nicht bekannt sind. Die Weine werden grundsätzlich in zusammenhängenden Serien gemeinsam mit ähnlichen Weinen probiert, um einen sinnvollen sensorischen Rahmen zu gewährleisten.

Marcus Hofschuster genießt ein herausragendes Renommee als gewissenhafter und unbestechlicher Experte. Sein Team besteht ebenfalls aus erfahrenen Verkostern mit fundierter weinfachlicher Ausbildung. Das Verkostungssystem ist voll EDV-gestützt und abgesichert gegen Verwechslungen und Eingabefehler. Die Bewertungen werden regelmäßig durch Gegenproben überprüft, die ebenfalls blind erfolgen.

Die Weine werden nach dem internationalen 100-Punkte-Schema bewertet. Dabei werden in den Weinführer nur Weine mit mindestens 80 Punkten aufgenommen. Das Bewertungssystem wird bei Wein-Plus strenger angewandt als bei anderen Weinführern heute üblich.

Die einzelnen Punkte entsprechen folgenden Kategorien:

80 bis 84 Punkte: gut

85 bis 89 Punkte: sehr gut

90 bis 94 Punkte: hervorragend

95 bis 99 Punkte: groß

100 Punkte: einzigartig

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Efforts rewarded



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2014 was without a doubt one of the most difficult vintages for Brunello di Montalcino in a long time. It is all the more surprising to see how many producers, limited to much smaller production volumes by strict selection procedures, managed to produce very good to outstanding wines. The best wines of the vintage are juicy, fresh and lively, and in the case of some producers are even more enjoyable than their counterparts from vintages officially regarded as being much better.

One of the reasons for this may be found in the level of alcohol, which was more moderate practically across the board, but it can also be attributed to the care and diligence obviously exercised by the top producers in their work. In a totally different class of their own are the best of the 2013 Riservas. It is only rarely that we have seen such a range of downright exciting Brunello wines on the table, wines that succeed in combining concentration, full body and depth with finesse and freshness. We tasted around 150 wines for this edition of BEST Of.

As usual, the best wines are presented here in the form of a convenient PDF. You can find links to all the wines and producers, with comprehensive descriptions in www.wein-plus.eu/bo.

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Head taster Marcus Hofschuster and his team work full-time for the wine guide, and ensure they take sufficient time for each and every wine rating and description. All the wines are tasted without exception in the neutral surroundings of the tasting room at the Wein-Plus head office in Erlangen, Germany. Tasting is always done blind, so that the tasters do not know during the tasting which wine or which producer they are rating. Wines are always tasted in logical series together with other similar wines, in order to ensure a meaningful sensory framework for the descriptions and ratings.

Marcus Hofschuster enjoys an outstanding reputation as a conscientious and incorruptible expert. His team consists of tasters who are likewise experienced, and have professional training in wine. The tasting system is fully supported by a computer system, with protection built in against errors of entry and mix-ups. Ratings are constantly monitored by inserting counter-bottles, which are also tasted blind.

Wines are scored in accordance with the international 100 point system. Only wines that score a minimum of 80 points are included in the wine guide. At Wein-Plus, the scoring system is applied more strictly than is usual in the case of other wine guides.

Specifically, the points scores correspond with the following categories:

80 to 84 Points: good

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90 to 94 Points: outstanding

95 to 99 Points: great

100 Points: unique

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