

# Lorenzo Melani

## Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2019

- 93 points, James Suckling
- 90 points, Vinous
- 90 points, Kerin O'Keefe



**Grapes:** 100% Sangiovese Grosso

**Tasting Notes:** Deep and bright ruby red color. The nose is complex with a fine bouquet of cherry and red woodland berries and spicy, balsamic notes of vanilla and cocoa. The palate is rich and bold, with enveloping notes of morello cherry, blackberry and currant with a light and elegant tannic texture that makes it harmonious and persistent. A Brunello with a bold personality, combining intensity and elegance.

**Aging:** Maturation in Slovenian oak barrels for at least 2 years. Rests in bottle for at least 4 months.

**Food Pairings:** Charcuterie board, sharp cheeses, rich red meat or pasta dishes.

**James Suckling:** *“Aromas of black cherries, lead pencil and dried flowers follow through to a medium to full body with juicy fruit, firm and chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Give it three to four years to soften. Drink after 2026.”*

**Vinous:** *“The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Lorenzo Melani is understated and coy in the glass as a nuanced blend of cedary spice and violet pastille complements dried strawberries. This is cool-toned and sleek, with polished red fruits and cedary spices that cascade throughout. It tapers off grippy and long, yet also pleasantly fresh, leaving hints of licorice to slowly fade.”*

**Kerin O'Keefe:** *“Named in honor of the president of Montalcino's only cooperative cellar, this opens with aromas of camphor, blue flower, underbrush and baked plum. On the palate, tightly knit, close-grained tannins support ripe black cherry, licorice and chocolate notes before an espresso close.”*

