



THE 2013 BRUNELLO VINTAGE SHOWCASES STUNNING, RADIANT WINES Energy and elegance are hallmarks of the 2013 Brunello vintage. These wines boast remarkable aging potential, and will greatly reward your patience. By Kerin O'Keefe If you want to experience the energy, elegance and ageworthy structure that first drew wine lovers and collectors to Brunello di Montalcino decades ago, then 2013 is your vintage. A classic vintage, the best 2013s boast remarkable aging potential not seen in years. In a tasting of 181 of the just-released Brunellos, 112 wines were rated 90 points or higher, while 21 received 95 points or more. One even earned a perfect score of 100. The top wines are stunning, with a radiance missed in many of the muscular, more approachable and higher alcohol Brunellos from recent vintages. The 2013s will require patience to reach

temperatures prevailed in September and the first half of October, and the grapes benefitted from ample sunshine and breezy conditions. It produced fragrant, medium-bodied wines loaded with finesse. The best are impeccably balanced, with vibrant acidity and firm but noble tannins. Overall, alcohol levels also ring of the past, as many wines declare 13.5% and 14% abv. That's a stark contrast to 14.5% and 15% levels that have become increasingly common since the start of the 2000s. Lorenzo Magnelli, winemaker at his family's Le Chiuse estate says that, "2013 is a classic vintage in every sense, and produced wines with intensity, elegance, energy and firm but well-integrated tannins." "Unlike other cooler vintages in recent memory, like 2005 and 2008 that had more rain especially toward the end of the growing season" he says. "In 2013 sunny weather it/1