MY BLOG: TOP 10 BRUNELLOS OF 2010

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Here are 10 of my favourites. Click for notes and scores. You can also click on the image below to view the selections.

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90 points

**LUCE DELLA VITE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
The second perfect wine from this producer. Extremely powerful and structured, with layers of fruit and earth character. Great density and intensity. Curious to see if 2010 will be better than 2006 in the long run.  
100 points

**SASSETTI LIVIO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
The best wine ever made at this estate, it wows you with its crazy aromas of dried lemon, sea salt, and cherry. It’s full-bodied and has vibrant acid and tannin balance. Amazing young Brunello.  
90 points

**SIRO PACENTI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
The greatest wine ever from here. It’s all about complexity, with aromas and flavours of walnut, dark fruit, stones and oyster shell. Fabulous intensity and balance, with layer upon layer of fruit and polished tannins. Builds on the palate. Better in 2019.  
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**ARGIANO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
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**EREDI FULIGNI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
So succulent and fruity with berry and burnt orange character and an underlying salinity. Full body, very integrated tannins and a clean finish. So drinkable now.  
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To succulent and fruity with berry and burnt orange character and an underling salinity. Full body, very integrated tannins and a clean finish. So drinkable now.  
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**CASI NOVA DI NERI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010**
Very muscular for the vintage, it shows lots of stones, dark fruit and hints of tar. Full body, firm tannines. Tannic now but will show its greatness in 2018.  
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