

# CORTONESI LÈONUS TOSCANA IGT 2022



Montalcino, Tuscany IGT



**DESCRIPTION:** A pleasant red with berry, light chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** Our Lèonus vineyards are nested in the north-east part of Montalcino—an area where great Brunello di Montalcino crus are born. Like all great Super Tuscan wines, Lèonus captures the essence of Tuscany. This artisan Super Tuscan wine is a rigorous hand selection of the finest grapes of Sangiovese from Montalcino blended with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. This hand-crafted blend gives birth to our Super Tuscan or as we like describing it as our Super Montalcino Lèonus.

The vineyards are 20 to 25 years old—at the fullest of their qualitative potential. The harvest takes place slightly earlier than the harvest of the Rosso di Montalcino and Brunello di Montalcino grapes. This slightly earlier harvest is to preserve the finesse and elegance of the wine and not to over extract body and structure. Lèonus is a soft tannin wine with silky smooth characteristics, capable of being versatile in its consumption, but always maintaining the amazing characteristics of Sangiovese di Montalcino.

**FAMILY:** Brunello di Montalcino of Tuscany has been called “The King of Wines” and this “king” is what Cortonesi specializes in. The Cortonesi established La Mannella in the '70s, covering 138 acres in one of the most storied areas of the entire region of Montalcino, but only 19 of those acres are dedicated to producing a world-class Brunello. They started commercially selling their wine in 1985. And today, the wines are in the more-than-capable hands of Tommaso Cortonesi, a third-generation winemaker.

The first vintage of Cortonesi's Brunello came in 1990, which took advantage of the rocky, well-drained soils of the vineyard site, ensuring a long-aging wine. Modern technological advances, too, go a long way in producing outstanding wine.

**PRODUCER:** Cortonesi

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**REGION:** Montalcino, Tuscany IGT

**GRAPE(S):** 85% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

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