

## The Fortress Wine Shop



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The Fortress and the wine shop / wine bar, 30-years of history together ....

The La Fortezza Wine Shop and Wine Bar is the reference point for fans of quality wine and for those who want to know the protagonists of the fascinating world of Montalcino and his Brunello Wine.

A journey that begins at the wine shop/wine bar and fortress, a historical site and symbol of the city, managed by Fabio Tassi, descendant of generations of Montalcinesi and interpreter of modernity in a place that speaks of history, but above all can not ignore the changes that the technological age demands.

### FORTRESS

The place that houses the wine shop/wine bar is the fortress of Montalcino, a monument rich in history and a symbol of the last glorious defence of the Sienese Republic in 1555 against Spanish-Florentine troops.

Begun in 1361 to improve the fortifications of the city, the fortress became a symbol of the then dominant Sienese power, however, counterbalanced by the opportunity that was offered to the residents of Montalcino to have Sienese citizenship while delocalised. It was precisely this fact that led to important political, economic and administrative relations between the inhabitants of the two cities.

Over the years and centuries, the fortress and its defence systems have undergone multiple operations including expansion and repair, until about 1600, year in which it definitely lost its military function. It has since been re-assigned to meet the needs of the city over time, even hosting a religious community of Benedictines.

Today, after major restoration, desired by Giovanni Colombini in the 1940s, it plays a tourist and cultural function hosting shows and events and offers visitors a dizzying view over the Val d'Orcia.

## The wines

### WINES

The wines of the La Fortezza wine shop/wine bar refer, primarily, to the territory of Montalcino; many companies are represented from the most noble that have made the history of Brunello to the younger ones that have taken up the challenge to become the protagonists of the new market. There are of course even selections of Tuscan wines and quality wines of both Italian and foreign origin.

## Tastings

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Join us for a unique tasting experience of quality wines accompanied by local cuisine.

We offer several different options from 2 to 5 wines including Brunello, Rosso and Super Tuscans.

Our light lunch menu offers traditional first courses, a wide selection of tasty cheeses, Tuscan cold cuts, salads, appetizers and typical sweet delights. Please note that the vintages mentioned above may be subject to variations according to the vintages available in the Enoteca on the day of your visit.

## Producers

### PRODUCERS

In a period of 30 years more than 180 new wineries have been founded that have achieved success and compete with the prestigious names of traditional companies.

Thanks to the work of the Brunello Consortium, quality standards and strict regulations have

been defined that all must follow, ensuring the homogeneous development of quality products.

In this regulated environment there is room to be able to emerge with a peaks of excellence that affect wine choices, favourable publicity for particular vintages or just simply effective marketing.