

**Salicutti 2011 Brunello di Montalcino Piaggione****Montalcino, Tuscany****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2018 - 2026**

The 2011 Brunello di Montalcino Piaggione is one of the most sensual wines of the vintage. Racy, open-knit and expressive, the 2011 will thrill Salicutti fans who are looking for a wine to drink young. Silky tannins wrap around the succulent fruit and add to the wine's total sense of allure. The warmth of the vintage comes through, yet the wine is never heavy or ponderous. Sweet macerated cherries, cinnamon and rose petal meld into the sumptuous, inviting finish. A wine of weightless elegance, the 2011 is superb. It's hard to imagine the Riserva will be better than this. Proprietor Francesco Leanza gave the 2011 three years in barrel, starting with a year and a half in 500-liter and 10-HL casks, followed by another year and a half in 20 and 40-HL casks.

**Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: February 2016**

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**Salicutti**

Francesco Leanza recently sold Salicutti to German investors, but has agreed to stay on in his current role for at least a few more years. It is a shame Leanza came to Salicutti late in life. His achievements in a relatively short period of time beg the question of what Leanza might have done if he had gotten off to an earlier start. These remain some of the most compelling, traditionally made wines in Montalcino and beyond. Leanza is one of the few producers who did not bottle a 2010 Riserva, but instead will do so in 2011.

**Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

**Release price**

\$80.00

