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#### **Characteristics**

- Tannins & acidity range from moderate to high with fruity tones.
- A wide range of scents & flavors such as clove, cherries, red plum, strawberry, fig, leather, dried roses, floral, cinnamon, chestnut, violet, tobacco, clay, brick, tomato, thyme or oregano.
- There are at least 14 varieties of the Sangiovese grape.

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### SANGIOVESE

 It is Italy's most planted single grape variety. It comprises 67% of the Tuscan vineyard acreage and is the main grape in 25 DOC(G)'s of Tuscany.

#### History

- Sanguis Jovis, "the Blood of Jove."
- First historical mention of the grape in 1590.
- Sangiovese gained widespread attention throughout Tuscany in the 18th century.

- In the wines of Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Sangiovese would experience a period of popularity in the late 19th and early 20th century.
- 1970's- Super Tuscans

#### Sangiovese Grosso

- Considered to be superior to the Sangiovese Piccolo.
- Slow and late to ripen, which gives a rich, alcoholic and long-lived wine.







## 2018 ROSSO DI MONTALCINO DOC

Appearance: Intense ruby red.

Nose: Intense, persistent, fine, flowery, fruity.

Grape: 100% Sangiovese Grosso

Notes:

From grapes grown at 280-320 meters (919-1050 feet) above sea level. Harvested the third week of September. Region: Montalcino

#### Serving Temperature: 18° C (64.4° F)

#### **Pairings:**

Ragu (meat sauce), white and red grilled meat, Italian cold cuts, <u>medium-aged cheese</u>.

Drink by: It can be aged up to 10 years. It will reach its peak in the next two or three years. **Taste:** Dry, warm, soft, quite fresh, quite tannic, sapid, with body, intense, persistent, fine.

