

Italy, Brunello di Montalcino: Tasting the Tramontana I timed my trip to Montalcino this year for mid-January, when most of the town's restaurants and hotels are closed, the tourist wine shops are shuttered, morning frost paints the landscape white and northerly Tramontana winds chill you to the bone. For me, there's no better moment to visit, come in from the cold and truly enjoy a glass of Brunello… …What I discovered is that Montalcino's current dynamic is driven by a fascinating interplay of generations, now actively exchanging information and sharing expertise. This layering of generations spans at least three distinct cohorts currently at work, from the youngest to the oldest… Paolo Bianchini of Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona marks the 25th anniversary of the Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna di Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro with a limited-release