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One of the historic labels of Montalcino, this house has everything going for it – a fine name, excellent vineyards, and one of Tuscany's most renowned consultants, Franco Bernabei. A guarantee, in short, and this year's wines confirm it. The **1998 Brunello di Montalcino**, a full ruby/garnet with black highlights, its ample nose delivers aromas of sweet plums and red currant jam, chocolate, tar, and a touch of cinnamon and cloves. Sensuous with solid flavors, long and continuous, this is a dense wine with lovely freshness on the close as well as a deceptive sense of readiness. Drink from 2006 to 2015. The **1997 Brunello di Montalcino Ugolaia**, a selection of the best lots, is, predictable even better. Equally solid and dark in color, its nose expresses wild cherries, kirsch, plums, tar, and minerals. Powerful and muscular, but not at the expense of the tannins' smoothness, its sweet fruit and chocolate flavors are unending. The finish shows the freshness which is Bernabei's signature.