

# excellent everyday wines

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## La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2008

One of the friendliest and most widely planted grapes in Italy, Montepulciano from the mountainous region of Abruzzo is usually an easy drinking red wine that will pair perfectly with your Bolognese or roast chicken. This example is from [La Valentina](#), one of the most important producers in the zone, whose higher end bottling called "Spelt", usually receives accolades from the top reviewers. It is indeed an attractive wine, with baked cherry, licorice and a stony minerality on the nose. Small wonder, as the vines here live in stony soils at 500 - 1000 ft. in altitude. And although it has wonderful up front dark fruit in the mouth and excellent acidity giving it lift, it finishes with a bit of drying tannins that make me wonder if this bottling is a bit too serious for it's \$11.99 price point. It seems that it could benefit from a year or 2 in the bottle. Still, at an everyday price like this, it's definitely worth checking out for yourself. Imported by [Dalla Terra](#), a company with a very nice looking portfolio, this is still a fine example of Abruzzo Montepulciano. Cheers.



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Hi wine lovers. Having spent 7 years on the wholesale side of the wine business and another couple in retail, I have a fairly educated view of the wine world. There are many fantastic websites and blogs out there to explore the world of wine with. What I intend to focus on is the incredible selection of excellent everyday wines that are currently available in the marketplace. The vast majority will fall in the 7 to 15 dollar range.

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