

Wine Spectator

ITALY

Abruzzi

91 La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Belovedere Riserva 2013 \$40 An elegant red, with supple tannins and finely knit flavors of ripe black raspberry, dried marjoram and graphite that show a subtle streak of smoky mineral. Medium-bodied and well-balanced. Drink now through 2023. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

86 La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2015 \$14 Light, snappy tannins frame flavors of crushed black cherry, mandarin orange peel and ground anise in this light-bodied, balanced red. Fresh and easy-drinking. Drink now through 2019. 18,000 cases made.—A.N.