

**TERROIRSENSE**  
WINE REVIEW

**LA VALENTINA**  
VINI IN ABRUZZO

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*"...Though nowhere near as well-known by foreign tourists and vacationers as are Tuscany and Sicily, Abruzzo is in fact one of Italy's most beautiful regions, offering a litany of national, regional and provincial parks, dreamy seaside landscapes and gorgeous mountain habitats..."*

**2016 La Valentina Bellovedere Montepulciano Riserva 92+ pt**

*Deep red-ruby. Blueberry, blackberry, licorice, flowers and oaky spices on the nose. Juicy and penetrating in the mouth, with good verve to the fleshy flavours of bitter chocolate, licorice and dark berries. The tannins coat the palate on the chunky finish. I think this will improve considerably with a little bottle age: well done. Drinking window: 2024-2029*

**2018 La Valentina Linea Classica Montepulciano 91 pt**

*Vivid red. High-pitched, floral aromas of fresh raspberry and dark cherry. Juicy, open-knit red fruit flavors show good precision and tangy flintiness. The floral note repeats on the lively finish. This is a lovely, easygoing Montepulciano d'Abruzzo that's fun to drink. Well done.*