

LA VALENTINA

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC Riserva 2018 "SPELT"



DENOMINATION: Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC Riserva
GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
FIRST VINTAGE: 1987

TERROIR

AREA: Spoltore, San Valentino e Scafa districts

VINEYARDS: selection on 20 ha

ALTITUDE: 150-400 meter o.s.l.

EXPOSITION: South / South-West

SOIL: medium clay

TRAINING SYSTEM: pergola abruzzese / Guyot

VINES / HA: 1.600-2.000 / 7.000

AGE OF THE VINES: from 25 to 45 years old

YIELD: 50 hl. / ha.

HARVEST: Handly, from the first week of October

WINEMAKING: Fermentation and maceration for about three weeks in stainless steel tanks.

AGING: 16 months part in 25 hl oak Slavonian barrels and part in barriques and tonneaux, new and 2nd passage. Final refinement after the blending: couple of months in 25 hl oak Slavonian barrels and almost a year in bottle.

PRODUCTION: n° 51.000 bottles x 0,75 l. Magnums, 3L and Jeroboam available too.

FOOD PAIRING: Baked Lamb and Kid, grilled meats, arrosticini (local skewer of sheep meat) and lamb chops, pasta with ragù sauce.

Spelt 2017: 92 pt Vinous, 4 Viti AIS, 94 pt Veronelli; **2016:** 93 pt James Suckling, *Grande Vino Slowine*, 94 pt Winescritic, 94 pt WE ; **2015:** *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso, 92 pt James Suckling, 90 pt Wine Advocate 91 pt Vinous, 5 *Grappoli Bibenda*, *Super Tre Stelle* Veronelli 94 pt, 91pt G&G; **2014:** 91 pt James Suckling; **2013:** 94 pt Vinous, 93 pt James Suckling, 91 pt DW, 90+ pt Wine Advocate; 91 pt G&G; **2012:** 93 pt James Suckling, 90 pt Vinous 4 Viti AIS, 91 pt Veronelli; **2011:** *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso; *Grande Vino Slow Food*; 91 pt James Suckling, 91 pt Veronelli, 91 pt G&G; 90 pt Wine Advocate; **2010:** *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso; 5 *Grappoli Bibenda*; *Corona Vini Buoni Touring*; 4 Viti AIS; *Grande Vino Slow Food*; *Tre Stelle* 91 pt Veronelli; 92 pt Vinous; **2009:** 92 pt Wine Advocate, *Due Bicchieri rossi* Gambero Rosso; 5 *Grappoli AIS*; *Corona Vini Buoni Touring*, *Tre Stelle* 91 pt Veronelli; **2008:** 92 pt Wine Advocate, *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso, *Tre Stelle* 93 pt Veronelli, , 92 pt JS HK Tatler, 92 pt Galloni; **2007:** *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso, 91pt Wine Advocate, *Grandi Vini Slow Wine*, *Tre Stelle* Veronelli; **2006:** 90 pt Wine Advocate, 5 *Grappoli AIS*, *Due Bicchieri Rossi* Gambero Rosso, *Tre Stelle* 92 pt Veronelli; **2005:** *Tre Bicchieri* Gambero Rosso, 89 pt Wine Advocate, 90 pt Wine Enthusiast; **2003:** 90 pt Veronelli, 90 pt Wine Advocate; **2002:** 90 pt Veronelli; **2001:** 90 pt Wine Spectator, 91 pt Veronelli, 90 pt Wine Advocate