

# LA VALENTINA

## ***HARVEST REPORT 2021***

2021 started with copious rainfalls during Winter. This helped vineyards to build adequate water reserves, that eventually turned extremely useful in due course. Weather changed between February and March with higher temperatures up to 20°C in the coastal areas that lasted until mid-April when, as it happened in the last years, we suffered a sudden temperature drop, luckily without serious consequences. Vines showed great adaptability by adjusting their growing cycle to a subsequent long drought and sudden heat waves. The final result were very healthy grapes. Pescara area microclimate was positively influenced by the presence of the sea and of its breezes to guarantee enough ventilation in the vineyards to resist to excessive Summer heat. Maturation started a week later than average, but way earlier than in 2020.

Pecorino and Trebbiano white grapes harvest started around September 10<sup>th</sup> showing interesting character, even for a hot year, and a good overall balance. Yields were around 30% lower than in the previous vintage.

Montepulciano harvest began around September 20<sup>th</sup> and immediately showed that level of quality that will secure excellent Cerasuolo and Montepulciano wines. Good concentration, color and acid/tannic equilibrium will be the right foundations for high quality final results. Yields were around 10% lower compared to the previous year.