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## La Valentina

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Bellovedere Riserva

2020 | \$64

A lovely, expressive red, with rich flavors of blackberry coulis, black licorice, cocoa powder and Earl Grey tea leaf, this is elegant and well-balanced. Features fine-grained tannins and bright acidity, which provide a sense of restraint to the generous profile. The long finish reveals hints of ground coffee, iron, smoke and spices. Best from 2025 through 2033. 500 cases made.



**Wine Type and Color**  
Red Still



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## Binomio

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva 2019 | \$58

A dark, juicy red, with notes of fresh loamy earth underscoring rich flavors of dried raspberry and cranberry fruit, revealing chocolate-covered orange peel, brambly herb and smoke accents. Medium- to full-bodied, with chewy tannins firming the zesty finish. Drink now through 2029. 1,000 cases made, 300 cases imported.



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