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**93+** 2012 La Valentina *Belovedere Riserva*  
**Points** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC

Good full inky-purple. Coffee and cocoa complicate aromas and flavors of dark plum and boysenberry. Chewy tannins and a grainy mouthfeel beg for time, but there's more than enough freshness to lift the big sappy flavors on the long finish and avoid any undue heaviness. Clocks in at 14.5% alcohol but tastes less warm than I might have thought given the ripe rich nose.

—Ian D'Agata