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La Valentina Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo DOC - 2021

wine *review* online

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Sabatino, Roberto, and Andrea Di Properzio

Winemaker:

Luca D'Attoma

Winery Founded:

1990

Region:

Abruzzo

The intense, dark cherry color of this wine suggests you're in a new territory for Rosé, or in this case Rosato wine. The color comes from the highly pigmented Montepulciano grape grown in the Abruzzo region of Italy. The appellation regulations allow 85 percent of this grape to be blended with other local grapes including whites. However, brothers Sabatino, Roberto, and Andrea Di Properzio use only Montepulciano grapes. They use a traditional process called *saignée* or tank bleeding. They monitor the fermenting grapes and remove a portion of the juice when it has reached the desired color, flavors, and body for Rosato. The remaining juice continues fermenting to become a red wine. The resulting Rosato is an intense and tightly structured wine with red cherry, pomegranate, red plum flavors with a bit of orange zest, mouthwatering acidity and light supple tannins. Its body and structure

make it a perfect partner for barbecued ribs,
roast chicken or a sausage pizza.

- *Rebecca Murphy*