



# LA VALENTINA



La Valentina's Bellovedere is the winery's highest expression of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. It is a single-vineyard wine from the subzone of Terre dei Vestini, in the rolling hills near the Abruzzo coast and the city of Pescara. The Bellovedere is intended to demonstrate the great possibilities of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, and as such the wine is produced only in the years with great weather conditions and fully mature grapes.

The Bellovedere vineyard takes its name from a park in the center of Spoltore with a view of the vineyards and the ridgeline of the Gran Sasso peaks behind, as shown on the label. The main vineyard, Bellovedere, covers the slopes around the winery, in Spoltore, which sits on a hill, only a few kilometres from the Adriatic Sea, as the land gently rises to the imposing Maiella and Gran Sasso mountains.

Over the years the vineyard has grown and now extends over more than 20 hectares. The unique climate which is created by our proximity to both the sea and the mountains brings out the finest characteristics in the grapes that are grown here.

The soil is made up of clays, clay-calcareous marls, usually loose, medium-grade sandstones, mixed with detritus from chemical and meteoric decomposition of the rocks described, organic residues of marine origin and eruptive components from the notable volcanism in the neighboring region of Lazio. The strip of foothills rising gradually behind the Adriatic coast and leading up to the central Apennine mountain chain, which itself runs all the way down the spine of Italy, varies from about 20 to 25 kilometres in width (12 – 15 miles) at different points along the coast.

## LA VALENTINA "Bellovedere" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Terra dei Vestini Reserva DOC 2015



APRIL 2020

"This wine is only made in the best years when the Montepulciano grapes, harvested at the end of October, reach satisfactory ripeness.

Then, the La Valentina 2015 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Terre dei Vestini Riserva Bellovedere (with a mere 6,000 bottles produced) sees 18 months of oak aging, producing a balanced and fruit-forward expression. The wine shows the kind of soft ripeness and exuberance that is characteristic of this warm and sunny vintage. Celebrate it with a braised lamb." - Monica Lerner



SEPTEMBER 2019

"Very deep ruby. Plum, smoke, herbs, camphor and glazed roast suckling pig on the captivating nose. Big on entry, huge, in fact, then chunky, with youthfully chewy but noble tannins providing support to ripe flavors similar to the aromas. La Valentina tends to make very creamy, huge, mouth-filling red wines (often excessively so) that are at their best when they also manage to be light on their feet, as does this impressive effort."

- Ian D'Agata



AUGUST 2019

"This is a captivating Montepulciano d'Abruzzo with freshly picked blackcurrants, bright elderberries, citrus, bark, dried nutmeg and tea leaves. Medium to full body, racy but structured tannins, linear acidity and a gliding, polished finish. Drink from 2021"

- James Suckling



OCTOBER 2019

"A heady mix of mentholated herbs, tobacco and anise shows good integration with the concentrated brandied-cherry core on the nose of this single-vineyard wine. The medium-bodied palate is polished and bright in red fruit flavors that meld well with the barrel spice tones. The tannins are well mannered yet supportive, extending the fruit through the lingering finish. Drink now 2025." - Alexander Peartree

