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“Terroir and Determination: Vino Nobile di Montepulciano”

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"The polished style of Poliziano shines bright in this set of new releases, especially with the 2019 single-vineyard Asinone, a varietal Sangiovese from higher elevations (up to 400 meters) in the western part of the region. For many years now, the focus of the house has been on the development of individual crus, Asinone and Le Caggiole, which will see an upgrade into the new Pieve designation over time. The Carletti family deeply believes in the potential of Sangiovese in the region, as they slowly push most of their wines toward a higher percentage of the variety. Federico Carletti remains the family's winemaker, aided by the third-generation Maria Stella and Francesco Carletti. Over the past decade, the estate has undergone major changes. A focus on the vineyards, a reduction of small barrels, and a push toward Sangiovese purity through terroir have kept Poliziano at the cutting edge of Montepulciano's growth." Eric Guido

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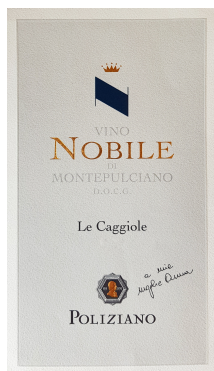
2019

~ Asinone ~

Nobile di Montepulciano



Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Asinone DOCG 2019 - The 2019 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Asinone is intense with a bouquet of stone dust, dried violets, black currants and cocoa powder. This is elegance exemplified, velvety and soothing, yet energetic, with a dense wave of polished red and black fruits that wash across the palate, leaving minerals and sweet tannins to mingle toward the close. A subtle layer of sour citrus helps enliven the otherwise-structured finale as minty herbal tones slowly fade. The 2019 is a total darling and has the balance to mature beautifully in collectors' cellars. **95 points**



Poliziano "Le Caggiole" Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG 2018 - The 2018 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Le Caggiole lifts up with a display like human catnip. A pleasant air of vanilla custard accentuates sweet smoke, grilled sage, cocoa and rum-soaked cherries. It's silky and polished in feel yet finessed with an almost weightless aura, showing decidedly ripe plum and hints of candied citrus to balance. The 2018 finishes long and gently tannic, with inner tobacco and sweet herbal tones lingering incredibly long. While the nose is a bit candied in personality, the 2018 possesses fantastic harmony within. I'm very interested to see what a few years of cellaring might do. **92 points**



Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG 2019 - A darkly elegant mix of cloves, sweet smoke, sugar-dusted plums and violette pastille wafts up from the 2019 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. This is delicate on the palate, silky in feel yet lifted with a savory mix of black fruit and inner herbal tones. The 2019 finishes a bit shorter than I'd like, yet cleans up nicely, leaving gently grippy tannins and the mouth watering for more. **89 points**



Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano DOC 2021 - Wickedly fresh and floral, the 2021 Rosso di Montepulciano wafts up from the glass with a bouquet of wild strawberries, stems and all, plus touches of mint and blood orange. This steps softly yet with impact, impressing with fleshy red and blue fruits expertly offset by a salty core of minerality. Raspberry and blueberry preserves and rosy inner florals make the lightly tannic and medium-length finish a total pleasure. This is a beautiful blending of 80% Sangiovese and 20% Merlot. **90 points**