



APRIL 2021

**La Valentina "Bellovedere"**  
**Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Terre dei**  
**Vestini Riserva DOC - 2016**

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**PRODUCER PROFILE**

Winery Owner(s):

Sabatino, Roberto, and Andrea Di Properzio

Winemaker:

Luca D'Attoma

Winery Founded:

1990

Region:

Abruzzo

The 2016 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Bellovedere is dark yet elegant, with an inviting bouquet of blackberries, crushed violets, exotic spice and hints of camphor. This is silky in texture with a savory, almost-salty display of wild berries and minerals, all balanced by brisk acids. You can hardly feel its fine-grained tannins settling in until the very end, as the palate aches under the Bellovedere's youthful structure, with echoes of licorice and black fruits lingering long. That said, the balance here is on point, and all the 2016 needs is a few more years of cellaring to really shine.

- Eric Guido