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La Valentina "Bellovedere"
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Terre dei
Vestini Riserva DOC - 2017

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PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

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Winemaker:

Luca D'Attoma

Winery Founded:

1990

Region:

Abruzzo

The 2017 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Bellovedere is massive with an oak-inspired burst of mocha mixed with mentholated herbs, cedar, black currants and exotic spice forming its bouquet. However, what impresses most here are the textures, supremely elegant and pure, yet also lifted, as the 2017 balances its rich dark fruits with brisk acids and mineral tones that add liveliness, but also depth. The tannins are fine but sweet, and in need of mellowing; this finishes incredibly long through the cocoa and cinnamon-tinged finale. The Bellovedere spends eighteen months in a combination of barriques and tonneaux, yet the integration is spot on. Give this sexy beast a few years in the cellar to soften its contours and integrate some oak.
- Eric Guido