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**La Valentina "Spelt" Montepulciano
d'Abruzzo Riserva DOC - 2018**

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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 aromatics on the 2018 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Spelt captivate, expertly mixing crushed cherries with autumnal spice, dried citrus peels and hints of shaved cedar. It takes a turn toward the savory spectrum on the palate, drenching the senses with mineral-tinged, tart red berries and grippy tannins that mount toward the close. A coating of primary concentration further accentuates the wine's structured feel as it finishes long, with hints of blackberries and lavender left behind. The 2018 doesn't possess the power of the best vintages; however, with a short stay in the cellar, it should drink beautifully for a number of years.

- Eric Guido