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La Valentina "Bellovedere"
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Terre dei
Vestini Riserva DOC - 2019

Jancis Robinson

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Sabatino, Roberto, and Andrea Di Properzio

Winemaker:

Luca D'Attoma

Winery Founded:

1990

Region:

Abruzzo

Deep crimson. A complex yet not overtly exuberant nose of blackberry, blueberry and with hints of iron, damson and liquorice powder; sweet oak hints and a suggestion of coffee bean and bell pepper. Elegant, fluid palate of blackberry and raspberry fruit – more savoury than sweet. Velvety tannins and supple acidity create the perfect balance. Silky smoothness, yet fresh. Not a brawny wine and now at its peak, even if it hardly shows any signs of development. Certified organic by ICEA. 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo from the Bellovedere vineyard trained on pergola at 200 m elevation with south-south-east exposure in Spoltore. The vines are on average 46 years old. Fermented in tronconic Slavonian oak casks. Malolactic conversion and aged for 18 months in barriques, tonneaux and concrete. Unfiltered

and unfinied.
- *Walter Speller*