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## La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC - 2016

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

### PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Sabatino, Roberto, and Andrea Di Properzio

Winemaker:

Luca D'Attoma

Winery Founded:

1990

Region:

Abruzzo

The La Valentina 2016 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is an easy and versatile wine, with simple fruit aromas followed by light touches of scorched earth, licorice and light hints of tobacco. Some 80% of the wine ages in stainless steel, and the rest goes into neutral barrique and botte grande. Pair it with a simple beef-and-pork ragù over spaghetti. Some 180,000 bottles were released, and this is a **terrific value buy**.

- *Monica Lerner*