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Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Modo Antico'

Denominazione di Origine Controllata
Loreto Aprutino 2014

This wine showcases the more serious, brooding side of Montepulciano. It shows how Montepulciano can be expressive of the place it comes from. In this case, that place is the high-quality terroir of Loreto Aprutino. This wine offers considerable value given its quality and sophistication.

Varietals - 100% Montepulciano

Elevage - 'Modo Antico' 10 months in porous cement fermenters restored from mid-20th century for pure flavor and color without oak influence.

Alcohol - 13%

Wine Making

Organically farmed and harvested by hand from a vineyard that is calcium-rich clay soil with medium sized rocks and stones. The only additives in the vineyard are natural copper and sulphur treatments. It was fermented with indigenous yeast and without external temperature manipulation. The wine is bottled without fining, filtration, or added sulfites.

Tasting Notes

This is a full-bodied, deep-colored and very structured Montepulciano that is more reminiscent of Rhone Syrah than most Montepulcianos from Abruzzo. On the nose it has a mix of red and black fruit with notes of fresh cracked pepper and dark brambly fruit. Although filled with spice and game flavors and very dry at first, with decanting the beautiful dark fruit side reveals itself and the structure softens.



Highlight on Abruzzo



Abruzzo is a region I've fallen in love with through my friendship with the family of Emidio Pepe in Turano Nuovo. His granddaughter, Chiara, introduced me to Stefano Papetti Ceroni who makes the De Fermo wines and we've collaborated on this project. Stefano's winery is located in Loreto Aprutino the same town where Valentini produces his excellent wines. The wine regions of Abruzzo sit between the coast of the Adriatic sea and the Appenine mountain range – neither of which ever seem more than a 30 minute drive away. Given its unique location, and ideal exposition, this area is ideal for the production of expressive, high quality wine. Recently, there has been a surge in quality winemaking amongst small producers in this region. Although they are still among the minority, I am excited to work closely with one of these talented producers.

Joe Campanale – August 2015