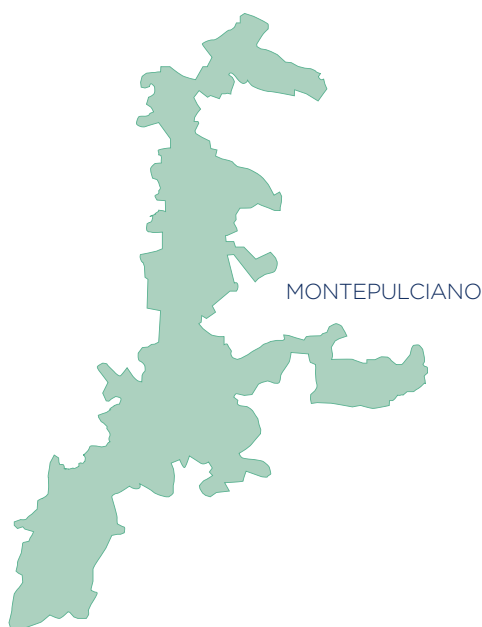



VINO NOBILE DI MONTE- PULCIANO

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano



 SANGIOVESE	70%
 RED GRAPES	30%
 WHITE GRAPES	5%

Montepulciano is a wine-producing area of Tuscany. Notwithstanding the fact that the production zone is very old, today it extends to a little over 1200 hectares, characterized by rather variegated terrains and by altitudes that reach 600 meters above sea level. The climate that insists on this area is usually, of a continental type.

The main varietal of this appellation (DOCG from 1980) is the Sangiovese, here called the Prugnolo Gentile. In this territory, other red varieties are also grown. Additionally, some white varieties belong to this Tuscan cultivation region.

The characteristics of the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano are:

- Must contain a minimum of **70% of Sangiovese**, a maximum of **30% of red grapes** admitted to the cultivation of the Tuscan region or a maximum of **5% of white grape varieties**. The term 'selezione' on the label is a word that indicates a choice by the vineyard of a vinification using only grapes from a particularly suitable cru.

- Put on the market after two years, three in the case of the Riserva.

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg “Nocio dei Boscarelli” 2016

PODERI BOScareLLI

Three hectares dating back to slightly more than forty-five years; a wine known for being the cornerstone of the “Nobile di Montepulciano” all over the world. The French oak is used for aging a grape blend reaching here a rare perfection. The nose is complex and multi-faceted with aromas of alcohol-infused marasca cherries, mulberry, a great balsamic fragrance with aromatic notes of undergrowth arising as tertiaries. The sip is disconcerting, fresh and thirst-quenching but at the same time it becomes complex, velvety with an endless persistence.



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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg “Asinone” 2016

POLIZIANO

“Asinone” vineyard. Eighteen months in French oak barriques resulting in a wine which has undoubtedly an international vocation. However, it is never alluring, but it actually appears extraordinarily vigorous. On the nose, it displays rich aromas of fruits of undergrowth, where blueberries and blackberries dominate. In the mouth it is balanced, nicely juicy, tannins are never excessive. On the finish it shows a good persistence ending in very long-lasting balsamic notes.



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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg “Madonna delle Querce” 2015

DEI

The story of Caterina Dei and her family is in some way related to predestination since the first harvest, in 1985. A beautiful roundness of fruit mixed to a territorial interpretation with a magnificent vocation. A one hundred percent “Sangiovese da Vigna La Piaggia” which reveals here a velvety elegance starting from the nose: roundness, aromas of fruits of undergrowth, blackberries and blueberries. All this makes the drinkability very captivating and deep with a great persistence.



93+



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2016

DEI

A Sangiovese-based blend resulting from the “re-assembling” process of vine varieties from da Vigna Martiena, La Ciarliana and La Piaggia. A perfection reached thanks to balance, regality and homogeneity. On the nose, it displays aromas of alcohol-infused cherries, a spicy taste from pepper leaf and a touch of undergrowth. The drinkability is exciting with a clear progression to the palate, enriched by a long persistence on the finish.



WINE RANKING

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**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2016**

LE BERTILLE

A beautiful story describing a challenge to take back its own roots, where Nature imposes its own rhythms and times to be followed: here is le Bertille. Saverio, the father, and Olimpia, her daughter, has taken a path that started from the courtroom (a lawyer career in the past) to the countryside, showing a tender care for the vineyard with scintillating fruits. On the nose, this wine is elegant with aromas of chinotto, alcohol-infused marasca cherries. The harshness in the mouth is never excessive and the finish is very long-lasting.



92

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg "Messaggero" 2015**

MONTEMERCURIO

A one hundred per cent Sangiovese resulting from an accurate selection in the vineyard, followed by an aging period of 18 months in Slavonian oak barrels. Tasty, intense, balanced and full-bodied. On the nose, it is intense, with aromas of alcohol-infused cherries, a hint of undergrowth and a rich spiciness where laurel dominates. The mouthfeel is balanced and strong with a great progression ending in a pleasant finish in the tones of licorice.



91+

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2016**

PODERE CASANOVA

A vivacious interpretation of an (almost) single-varietal Sangiovese, which is both tasty and capable of being extremely intense, elegant and austere. Sixteen hectares of old vineyards located on the borders of a valley called "Val d'Orcia", which have been recovered with lots of courage. On the nose, this wine appears very fine, with aromas of blackberries and blueberries and a little spiciness. The sip reveals balanced tannins which are never excessive. The mouthfeel is juicy with iodized finish.



91

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2016**

DE' RICCI

A convincing oenological project which culminates in a winery whose spectularity is hard to describe. However, it's the bottle that fascinates the most: a single-varietal Sangiovese appearing intense, spicy and velvety. On the nose, aromas of alcohol-infused fruits, pepper leaf, and a hint of cloves. The sip is captivating, very persistent with a nice balsamic note on the finish.



91

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg "Alboreto" 2016**

FATTORIE DELLA TALOSA

A single-varietal Sangiovese aged during a period of 24 months in tonneaux of different passages, large barrels and steel containers. The result is a compact, intense and masculine version. On the nose, aromas of alcohol-infused fruits, undergrowth (dark berry dominating, above all blueberries), a nice toasting in the aftertaste. The mouthfeel is also spicy, comforting, with round tannins which are never excessive.



91

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2016**

GATTAVECCHI

A ninety percent Sangiovese, characterized by a dry, clear and clean taste resulting from a historic firm located in the Montepulciano area. On the nose, it is intense, with aromas of dark-skinned fruits, a spicy trace ending in a nice iodized and balsamic note. In the mouth it is tasty, assertive with a nice freshness and extraordinarily soft tannins.



WINE RANKING

91


Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Doeg "Burberosso" 2015

METINELLA

Eighteen months in large barrels for a wine mostly made of Sangiovese, with some nuances of Canaiolo and Mammolo. A very intense fruit, a great drinkability. On the nose, first perception of aromas of violet petals, then fruits of undergrowth where currant dominates. Even during the sip this wine is vivacious, held by a pleasant acidity, an excellent iodized note with the right persistence.

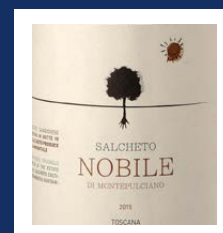


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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Doeg 2016

SALCHETO

A vineyard managed according to organic principles. A "Nobile" made of one hundred percent of Sangiovese where refinement is preferred to strength. Left eighteen months in barrels in order to improve the quality of a fruit showing an extraordinary character. The nose is floral with balanced balsamic notes, aromas of blackberries, raspberries and pepper leaf. An overall freshness. The sip confirms the initial impression: comforting, juicy, without being excessive.



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

92⁺



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg Bossona 2013 DEI

A fascinating version of this Reserve based on one hundred percent of Sangiovese produced by Cantine Dei and representing their core product. A fruit appearing compact and generous on the nose, with nice nuances of fruits of undergrowth, blackberries, blueberries, enhanced by a strong spicy note coming from pepper leaf. The mouthfeel is very iodized, held by an extraordinary acidity. The finish is elegant and salty.



92



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2015 LE BERTILLE

This version of "Riserva da Le Bertille" shines for its perfectly balanced interpretation. The fruit stands out for its tasty flavour. Pleasant on the nose, aromas of alcohol-infused fruits with a nice iodized and salty note and a captivating spiciness. During the tasting, this wine is balanced, round without being excessive, held by a great acidity and an extraordinary persistence.

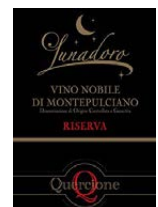


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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg "Quercione" 2015 LUNADORO

An appealing and successful version of "Riserva da Lunadoro". Sangiovese-based wine, aged in oak and barriques for 24 months. Tasty and spicy on the nose: violet petals, caper and a pleasant hint of alcohol-infused cherries. The sip is again round, juicy, whereas the finish is characterized by salty notes with nuances of licorice.



91⁺



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2015 CARPINETO

A great version of this Reserve produced by a firm known for being extraordinarily reliable. The aging period takes place in Slavonian oak and barriques. On the nose, this wine shows a great personality and a wide spectrum ranging from aromas of alcohol-infused fruit, chinotto to a nice balsamic note. The sip is again round, very deep with a pleasing finish characterized by a balsamic presence.



91⁺



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg "Padri Serviti" 2015 GATTAVECCHI

Also in this version "Riserva Gattavecchi", the fruit is still firm, tasty and iodized. On the nose, it is very intense with aromas of alcohol-infused cherries, caper, pepper leaf. The sip is again lively and dry, held by a marked acidity. Nicely juicy with a right persistence.



WINE RANKING

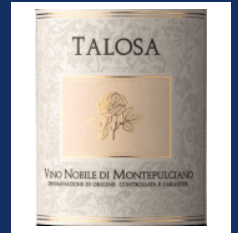
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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2015

FATTORIA DELLA TALOSA

A one hundred percent Sangiovese resulting from an accurate selection in the vineyard. Aged in new or second-use tonneaux, barrels and steel containers. A Reserve which follows the tradition, with a tannic texture appearing intense without being excessive. Spicy on the nose, with a nice acidity enriched by a balsamic note due to alcohol-infused marasca cherries. The mouthfeel is juicy, wide with a nice alcoholic presence.



91



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2013

SALCHETO

A slightly over-ripened "Prugnolo gentile" with a little contribution from "Colorino". A wine which is extraordinarily tasty on the nose, recalling chinotto, alcohol-infused cherry, a nice and fine freshness coming from mint leaf. The sip is intense but never excessive, showing a nice tannic texture and juiciness until the end.



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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 SHORT (5-8 years)

 MEDIUM (10-15 years)

 LONG (more than 15 years)

93

 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione Docg “Salco” 2013**
SALCHETO

The “Salco” represents the best version of a skilful winery, carrying out very accurate practices in the vineyard. The lack of sulphites and the use of local yeasts enhance the loyalty towards the territory. The regality and austerity of this wine are perceived on the nose where the different nuances are perfectly balanced: alcohol-infused marasca cherries, a great range of aromatic herbs. The tasting reveals very elegant tannins, the mouthfeel is juicy and persistent.



92+

 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione Docg “142-4” 2015**
METINELLA

Fresh and floral with an excellent drinkability: here is the wine called “142-4”, whose name is derived from the two hectares of a land entirely devoted to vines. Vines aged between twenty and twenty-five years which offer an intense, spicy as well as fresh nose. The drinkability is vivacious and amusing in its velvety tannic texture with an overall nice crunchy taste.



90+

 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione Docg “Vigneto Sant’ercolano” 2010**
CARPINETO

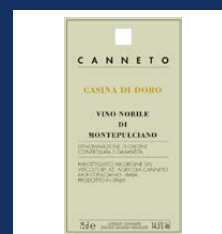
A wine of great pathos and structure. On the nose, it displays a balsamic note with a pleasant palette made of fruits of undergrowth and fresh spices, pepper leaf, and a hint of chinotto. The mouthfeel is intensely balsamic, with a nice tannic texture. A very elegant finish on the notes of licorice.



90

 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione Docg “Casina di Doro” 2015**
CANNETO

A winery dating back to the Eighties which has been celebrating finesse. On the nose it is extraordinarily spicy, tasty, showing the roundness of alcohol-infused fruits, with marasca cherries dominating, and enriched by caper. Iodized and properly tannic during the taste. The fruit is not excessively ample but it is compensated by a nice persistence on the finish.



90

 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Selezione Docg “Soraldo” 2015**
DE' RICCI

Vigorous and intense, this wine offers a nice tannic texture which perfectly reproduces the vintage year and the grape blend. This selection of De' Ricci didn't make any compromises. Basic aging processes which are able to deliver the vivacious strength of fruit. Salty, spice and intense on the nose. The mouthfeel is of great impact, with a nice tannic structure as well as a marked iodized note.



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