

# LA VALENTINA

## Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC Riserva 2019 "SPELT"



**DENOMINATION:** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC Riserva  
**GRAPE VARIETIES:** 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
**FIRST VINTAGE:** 1987

**TERROIR**

**AREA:** Spoltore, San Valentino e Scafa districts

**VINEYARDS:** selection on 20 ha

**ALTITUDE:** 150-400 meter o.s.l.

**EXPOSITION:** South / South-West

**SOIL:** medium clay

**TRAINING SYSTEM:** pergola abruzzese / Guyot

**# VINES / HA:** 1.600-2.000 / 7.000

**AGE OF THE VINES:** from 26 to 46 years old

**YIELD:** 50 hl. / ha.

**HARVEST:** Handly, from the first week of October

**WINEMAKING:** Fermentation and maceration for about three weeks in stainless steel tanks.

**AGING:** 16 months part in 25 hl oak Slavonian barrels and part in barriques and tonneaux, new and 2<sup>nd</sup> passage. Final refinement after the blending: couple of months in 25 hl oak Slavonian barrels and almost a year in bottle.

**PRODUCTION:** n° 55.000 bottles x 0,75 l. Magnums, 3L and Jeroboam available too.

**FOOD PAIRING :** Baked Lamb and Kid, grilled meats, arrosticini ( local skewer of sheep meat) and lamb chops, pasta with ragù sauce.

**LAST 10 YEARS AWARDS**

**Spelt 2019:** 92 pt James Suckling, 90 Vinous; **2018:** 93 pt Falstaff **2017:** 92 pt Vinous, 4 Viti AIS, 94 pt Veronelli; **2016:** 93 pt James Suckling, Grande Vino Slowine, 94 pt Winescritic, 94 pt WE ; **2015:** Tre Bicchieri Gambero Rosso, 92 pt James Suckling, 90 pt Wine Advocate 91 pt Vinous, 5 Grappoli Bibenda, Super Tre Stelle Veronelli 94 pt, 91 pt G&G; **2014:** 91 pt James Suckling; **2013:** 94 pt Vinous, 93 pt James Suckling, 91 pt DW, 90+ pt Wine Advocate; 91 pt G&G; **2012:** 93 pt James Suckling, 90 pt Vinous 4 Viti AIS, 91 pt Veronelli; **2011:** Tre Bicchieri Gambero Rosso; Grande Vino Slow Food; 91 pt James Suckling, 91 pt Veronelli, 91 pt G&G; 90 pt Wine Advocate; **2010:** Tre Bicchieri Gambero Rosso; 5 Grappoli Bibenda; Corona Vini Buoni Touring; 4 Viti AIS; Grande Vino Slow Food; Tre Stelle 91 pt Veronelli; 92 pt Vinous;