

Tiberio

COLLE VOTA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO - 2018

REGION: ITALY - ABRUZZO



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The story of Azienda Agricola Tiberio rings more like a new world tale than one from the old world of the ancient lands beneath the Majella and Gran Sasso mountains in Abruzzo. At 1150 feet/350 meters, twenty three miles inland from the seaside city of Pescara near the hillside town of Cugnoli, Riccardo Tiberio found an old plot of Trebbiano Abruzzese vines roughly 50 years old so impressive that he decided to change his and his family's destiny. Over a decade ago, Cristiana and Antonio, daughter and son of Riccardo, took over reins of Tiberio. Cristiana, a chemistry specialist who also teaches college sommelier and enology classes, handles winemaking and is the global brand ambassador. Antonio leads grapegrowing and viticulture. The dynamic team have established Tiberio, and Abruzzo, in the forefront of leading-edge wine making and renown in this central part of Italy. Today, Tiberio farms 74 acres/30 hectares of vines.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Colle Vota is not a "Riserva" but is a "Single Vineyard" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo.

The Montepulciano that grows in the Colle Vota vineyard has different characteristics that separate it neatly from all the other Montepulciano we grow in our vineyards at Tiberio. The grape bunches and berries are much smaller, with crunchier and thicker skins.

The Colle Vota Montepulciano also takes longer to mature, and this vineyard's specific microclimate provides a longer hang time, producing a truly unique Montepulciano wine.

- Colle Vota vineyard tends to perform amazingly well in especially cooler, even downright rainy vintages
- Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wine made from the Colle Vota grapes are uniquely refined and light on its feet, combining elements reminiscent of Burgundy's Pinot Noir and Piedmont's Nebbiolo wines, while maintaining a Montepulciano backbone and soul.
- For this reason, we have decided to bottle this wine on its own as it is a unique expression not just of place, but of what the Montepulciano grape variety can deliver.
- Planted in 2000 using massal selections from the oldest Montepulciano vineyard on the property.
- Original Montepulciano clone adapted to its specific, new environment made up of a different soils, subsoils and microclimate, leading to the development of a new Montepulciano byotype that expresses itself with a very distinct, more perfumed and refined wine
- Soil composition: Limestone, marly-clay over a sandstone-rich bedrock
- Vine Training method: Single Guyot
- Elevation: 1148 feet/350 meters
- Vineyard Area: 4 acres/1.6 Ha
- Planting Density: 4,000/Ha
- Yield: 25 Hl

Exposure: Eastwest

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested the end of October
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks
- Malolactic fermentation in tank
- Aged in tank
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Aged in bottle before release

Winemaker's Notes

A brilliant light red ruby color. Intense, expressive, highly complex flavours of yellow peach, sage, cedar, cinnamon, marzipan, spices and soil. Long, deep, creamy, mouthfilling texture with refined, silky tannins and saline character. Finishes with intense energy.

Technical Information

- 100% massal selections Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, transplanted from oldest vineyards on property
- Alcohol: 14.5%

REVIEWS

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95 Points - Vinous, October, 2022

The 2018 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colle Vota lifts up dark, exotic, spicy and intense. Cracked chalk, dried violets and lavender give way to plum skins and black currants dusted in curry spices. This is silky, verging on velvety in texture and massively floral, communicating supreme elegance with green botanicals mingling with vibrant wild berry then morphing into nuances of peach, all lifted by lively acidity and with a lovely inner sweetness. A primary concentration of exotic citrus and spices sizzle around the perimeters of the palate, lingering incredibly long through the lightly structured, yet fresh, finale. There are so many layers here. Colle Vota hails from a single parcel of vines planted in sandy, stony soils within the Tiberio vineyards, one which produces smaller berries and thicker skins. I highly recommend decanting the 2018 if opening it today, as it evolves over the course of hours. 2023 – 2032

GENERAL INFO

Country	Italy
Region	Abruzzo
Appellation(s)	Abruzzo
Proprietors	Riccardo, Cristiana, Antonio Tiberio (father, daughter, son)
Founded	2000
Winemaker	Cristiana Tiberio
Annual Production	8,300 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable