Tiberio

COLLE VOTA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO - 2019

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 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 byotipe that expresses itself with a very distinct, more perfumed and refined wine.

- Altitude: 1148 feet/350 meters
- Vineyard Area: 4 acres/1.6 Ha
- Soil composition: Limestone, marly-clay over a sandstone-rich bedrock
- Vine Training method: Single Guyot
- Planting Density: 4,000/Ha
- Yield: 28 Hl

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested the end of October
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks for 20 days
- Malolactic fermentation in tank
- Aged in tank
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Aged in bottle before release

Winemaker's Notes

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 selection Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- Total Acidity: 4.90 g/l
- pH: 3.40
- Residual Sugar: 0.50 g/l
- Extract: 31.01 g/l

REVIEWS

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96 Points - Terroir Sense - Ian D'Agata, May, 2023

Good full purple-red. Intensely floral notes of violet and lavender complicate black cherry, dark plum, smoke, minerals and sweet spices, along with a peppery herb nuance. Classically dry in the mouth but with a sultry core of superripe delicately smoky red and black cherry and sweet spices that reminded me of something that Dujac or Méo-Camuzet might make. Closes tangy and primary, silky and penetrating, with lingering perfume. Knockout wine, and don't kid yourself: you have literally no idea just how good, great, Montepulciano wines can be unless you drink this wine (and Valentini's) regularly. 2025 – 2038

94+ Points - Vinous, August, 2023

The 2019 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colle Vota is intense, trading grace for power in this vintage, with a burst of dried black cherries, dusty sage, roses and Indian spice forming its bouquet. This splashes across the palate, spicy with ultra-ripe wild berry fruits that saturate, expertly balanced by a core of zesty acidity. The 2019 leaves a staining of primary concentration and grippy tannins, puckering the cheeks with youthful tension as salted licorice and balsamic spice notes fade. The 2019 Colle Vota will require time to fully blossom as it is primary and palate-staining today. Of note, production was down by a whopping 45% due to issues during budding. 2026 – 2034

THE SORTING TABLE

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