

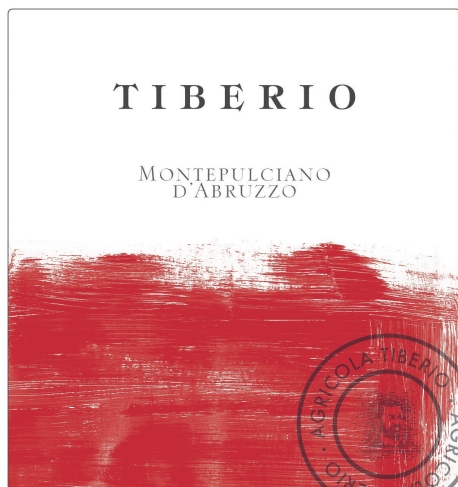
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MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO - 2020

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

2 vineyard plots in Cugnoli (PE).

- Total planted area: 37 acres/15 ha
- Altitude: 1150 feet/350 meters
- Soils: Clay-calcareous
- Vine Training Systems: Canopy/Guyot
- Planting Density: 2500 vines/ha & 4000 vines/ha
- Average Vine Age: 62 years & 21 years
- Yield: 45 HI / 50 HI

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested in October
- Fermented using only indigenous yeasts in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
- Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks
- Aged in tank and bottle 3 months before release

Winemaker's Notes

Brilliant ruby red color with violet highlights. Intense rich aromas and flavors, refined and elegant, with hints of sour redcherry, blueberry, violet, blood orange and flint. Vibrant tannins, full-bodied and long, fresh finish.

Technical Information

- 100% massal selection Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
- Alcohol: 14.5%

REVIEWS

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo – 2020

93 Points - Vinous, September, 2022

VINOUS FAVORITE September 2022

The dreamy 2020 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo seduces with a classic bouquet of crushed rocks, violets, lavender, hints of blood orange and nuanced strawberry fruits. It envelopes the palate with textural, ripe wild berries that give way to a caking of minerality that creates a crunchy feel toward the close. Elegant to the very end, the 2020 finishes lightly structured with concentration, yet also dazzling floral perfumes that linger impossibly long. This is simply stunning and a perfectly complete Montepulciano.

17.5 Points - JancisRobinson.com, June, 2023

Impenetrable crimson. Pure blackberry fruit on the nose with a subtle layer of liquorice powder and bags of minerals. With aeration, notes of wild strawberry emerge. Gorgeous lift of blackberry fruit on the palate and firm but finely ground tannins that go on and on. Very long and gripping finale. 2022 – 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