

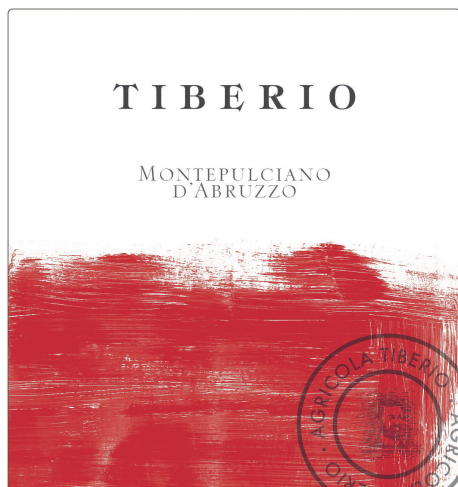
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MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO - 2021

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 estate vineyard plots in Cugnoli (PE).

- Total planted area: 15 ha/37 acres
- Altitude: 1150 feet/350 meters
- Soil: Clay-calcareous
- Vine Training Systems: Canopy & Guyot
- Planting Density: 2500 vines/ha & 4000 vines/ha
- Average Vine Age: 63 years & 22 years
- Yield: 45 HI & 50 HI

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested in October
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks using only indigenous yeasts for 15 days
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in stainless steel
- Aged in tank and bottle 3 months

Winemaker's Notes

Brilliant ruby red with violet tinges. Intense aromas and flavors, refined and elegant, with hints of sour red cherry, blueberry, violet and flint. Full bodied with smooth tannins, leading to along, fresh finish.

Technical Information

- 100% massal selection Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
- Alcohol: 14%
- Total Acidity: 5.5 g/l
- pH: 3.70
- Residual Sugar: 0.3 g/l
- Extract 31.9 g/l

REVIEWS

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo – 2021

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

Bright ruby. Bitter red and black cherry, blackcurrant, tobacco and violet on the perfumed, inviting nose, along with an intriguing flinty quality. Fresh and energetic, but at the same time suave and silky in the mouth, with a concentrated dark cherry and fresh plum flavours. Impressively dense and

serious for a wine in this price range, finishing with broad, fine tannins and outstanding length. 2024 – 2030

17+ Points - JancisRobinson.com, June, 2023

Cask sample. Impenetrable dark crimson. Blackberry, black pepper and mace with a hint of anchovies and iodine notes. Loads of embryonic blackberry fruit on the palate and firm but fine tannins, even a little finer than the 2020. Very intense, concentrated and embryonic. 2024 – 2030

90 Points - Vinous, August, 2023

Dark and understated, the 2021 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo smolders up from the glass with a woodland-inspired blend of dried black cherries, sage and shaved cedar. This enters the palate with a burst of inner sweetness complemented by silky textures that carry a dense wave of ripe red and hints of black fruit. Zesty acidity maintains balance through it all as the 2021 finishes structured with balsamic spice and a tart blackberry tinge. This shows the warmth of the vintage, especially in the tannins, yet maintains harmony throughout. That said, expect a darker and more intense rendition of Tiberio's Montepulciano. 2024 – 2029

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