

**LA VALENTINA**
**FATTORIA**
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Natural farm “La Valentina” s.r.l.

## THE FIRM

La Valentina Farm was born in 1990. The owners, Sabatino, Roberto e Andrea Di Properzio, have been running the company since putting their development project into action in 1994. The wines of this farm are natural products of Abruzzo terroir, an unique combination of terrain and soil, which La Valentina tries to convey to every bottle and which is the secret of their original taste. **The farm has decided to intervene as little as possible in what are natural processes, adhering to the concept that high-quality D.O.C. wine “has the mark of the vine on its grapes”.** Today La Valentina adheres completely to the principles of sustainable development and considers sustainability and respect for the environment as commercial necessities. The sustainability is a very important part of the company philosophy. La Valentina only uses electricity which is certified RECS (Renewable Energy Certificate System), participating in the development of renewable energy sources generated from wind, sun, water and thermal-heating. All wines of the farm contain no OGM substances and NO PESTICIDES.

## THE HEART OF WINERY



Di Properzio family

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After the first few years spent studying the Santa Teresa vineyard, their continuous efforts to keep improving quality and to achieve recognition for the high-quality D.O.C. wines from the Abruzzo region have become the principal goals in the company philosophy.

They have learned to understand their land more fully by respecting and tending it. Each year they have had successively healthier wines of more and more authentic quality. Moved by their conviction that improvement comes only through respect for natural equilibriums, year on year they have rigorously applied their philosophy that does not permit the unrestrained use of technology and chemicals.

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## THE VINES

Fattoria La Valentina has Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, Pecorino.

### **Montepulciano d'Abruzzo**

The Montepulciano grape has then been cultivated in Abruzzo for over two centuries. Thanks to the peculiar regional microclimate, the vine found a particularly good environment, in which the grape produces great full-bodied, robust wines which are at the same time elegant and pleasantly perfumed. Thus the Montepulciano can be considered an Abruzzo native vine, and currently accounts for around 50% of the regional vineyard, that is, about 18,000 hectares.

### **Pecorino**

The Pecorino has been grown for centuries in the central regions of Italy, especially Marche and Abruzzo, where it is known also with different denominations.

It produces a typical straw yellow wine with light golden and green highlights; with medium intense and persistent perfume of flowers and fruits, in particular of apples, banana and spices. Medium acidity, slight bitterness and good structure.

## THE WINERY



The new winery, which was finished in 2008, is in the original buildings from the 1980s, which have been fully renovated, with a complete reorganization of the internal spaces. This has practically doubled the functional area to 2000 sq. meters. The spacious "barricaia" on the ground floor, is divided into separate storage areas each of which, individually, can have the temperature and humidity controlled. Currently it holds over 1000 barrels and in the new storage area for bottle wine there are over 150,000 bottles. There is also a room set aside for the truncated-cone shaped, oak tuns and a wind-protected canopied area where the fermenting vats and the wine-production area are located.

Upstairs, as well as the offices there is a comfortable wine-tasting lounge and a double-purpose hanging garden which serves both to help blend in with the surrounding countryside and to provide additional insulation for a sizeable part of the roof.

The second building is largely unaltered with rooms set aside for the 25 hl oak casks and for the final phase of vinification for the Binomio and Belvedere wines in the bottle.

## DOC MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is a type of red wine made from the Montepulciano wine grape in the Abruzzo region of east-central Italy. The grape is however recommended for 20 of Italy's 95 provinces. Up to 10% Sangiovese is permitted to be added to the blend. It is typically a dry wine with soft tannins, and as such is often consumed young. The Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is classified as DOC and DOCG in Teramo (where it is officially called Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colline Teramane). If aged by the winery for more than two years, the wine may be labeled "Riserva." This wine should not be confused with Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, a Tuscan wine made from Sangiovese and other grapes, but not the Montepulciano variety.

## WHERE IS FATTORIA LA VALENTINA?



Fattoria La Valentina is situated in Spoltore, Pescara province, in Abruzzo region.

**Spoltore** is a comune and town in the province of Pescara in the Abruzzo region of Italy.

The hills overlooking Spoltore is the land of Montepulciano. The lands of Montepulciano wine stretch all the way along the strip of foothills that is the heart of the region of Abruzzo. Topographically this territory is very varied; over 60% of the region's surface is made up of high mountains with peaks just below 3000 metres. The Lands of Montepulciano, in the Province of Pescara, are sprinkled around the river Pescara and its tributaries. It was here that Montepulciano began to become famous.

The Abruzzo region is situated at the centre of the Italian peninsula facing the Adriatic, which it follows along 150 km of beaches and rocks.

It is bordered on the east by the Adriatic and on the west by the Apennines, it is one of the most mountainous regions in Italy (the Corno Grande in the Gran Sasso massif, at 2,914 m, is the highest summit in the Apennines). The rivers, although numerous, are all seasonal except for the biggest - the Pescara and the Sangro. In the interior are the 500 km<sup>2</sup> of the Abruzzo National Park, where rare examples of Mediterranean flora and fauna survive (chamois, wolves, bears, golden eagles).

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## FATTORIA LA VALENTINA WINES

### Terroir line

#### **Bellovedere**

Barrel red wine  
D.O.C. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 100%



#### **Spelt**

Barrel red wine  
D.O.C. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 100%



#### **Pecorino**

White wine  
I.G.T. Colline Pescaresi  
Pecorino 100%



#### **Effe**

Rosé wine  
D.O.C. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 100%



### Classic line

#### **Montepulciano d'Abruzzo**

Red wine  
D.O.C. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 100%



#### **Trebbiano d'Abruzzo**

White wine  
D.O.C. Trebbiano d'Abruzzo  
Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 100%



#### **Cerasuolo**

Rosé wine  
D.O.C. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 100%

