

## **AMERICAN RED WINE**

Vintage: 2021 Location: Italy

## **PROFILE**

Montepulciano is one of the most widely grown red grape varieties in all of Italy and is grown almost exclusively in this region. This is a late season grape variety, and therefore requires warm climates to fully ripen. Thick skins lead to deep and dark colored wines when properly cultivated

It is common to find Montepulciano wines both oaked and unoaked. Oaked styles tend to have fruit notes richer in style complimented by hints of vanilla or mocha. Unoaked styles often have fruit notes that are more tart such as raspberry or cranberry balanced by floral and herbaceous notes. Montepulciano wines are also known to age very well

#### **DETAILS**

Bottling Date: 07/26/2022 Case Production: 125

ABV: 12.8

Residual Sugar: 2.0 %

Final TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.53

Free SO<sub>2</sub>: 40 ppm

# Montepulciano

Available in 750 mL bottles

# **WINEMAKING**

## **FERMENTATION**

13 days

Montepulciano is one of the few reds that we import as juice instead of whole grapes due to the distance it has to travel. Upon arrival, juice was racked into a stainless steel tank and brought up to temperature in order to begin fermentation. Yeast for this fermentation was selected for its ability to soften high acid musts. Fermentation was completed in 13 days, after which the wine was racked off the lees and cold stabilized to encourage settling and to remove tartrates prior to filtration

#### **AGING**

8 months

This wine was briefly aged on American oak chips with a medium char toast for seven months. The wine begins the oak aging process after secondary filtration. Oak chips are removed prior to final filtration that occurs at the time of bottling

## **TASTING NOTES**

#### **Aroma**

This red has a perfume-like nose, with enticing fruit and floral notes made prominent by a carefully selected yeast strain that compliments this varietal nicely

#### **Taste**

Dominant flavors of plum, grape, and raisin are balanced by a more complex, herbaceous, and woody undertone. Low tannin levels make this an easy drinking red

#### **Serving & Pairing Suggestions**

Best served at room temperature. Pairs well with dishes like beef Bolognese

#### **TASTING CHART**

