

Monatic Dark Montepulciano D'Abruzzo DOP

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
NOVMNM	Novaripa	Italy	Abruzzo
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Montepulciano	13.5%	Slavonian Oak	Cork



Background

This is an ambitious, energetic cooperative that is producing great quality, deliciously fruity Montepulciano. Started in 1969 and based near Chieti, not far from the coast, it has now grown to 400 members and covers 700 hectares. The grapes are well-matched to the soil types with the Montepulciano grown on loamy soils while the sandy limestone sites are used for the whites, and the proximity of the sea ensures cooler nights to help lengthen the ripening process.

Winemaking

Biodynamic cultivation techniques are used during the planting and sowing periods and guided by the lunar cycle. Grapes are grown on cordon and pergola systems.

During August, grapes are thinned out and harvested early October by hand. Vinification with skin contact occurs in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 28-30°C. Wine is aged for a year in stainless steel tanks, before spending a year in Slavonian oak.

Sustainability

Novaripa are proud to have full control over the supply chain from planting to bottling and packaging. The team are fully committed to respecting the environment, limiting and striving to reduce the emissions caused by the winemaking process and encouraging recycling and good environmental practices within the winery. The growers themselves favour organic fertilisers and defend crops as much as they can from parasites using non chemical solutions; this can include manual thinning out, spotting any issues early on and removing the affected vines or encouraging natural predators to enter the vineyards and maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Novaripa also have 47 hectares of organic certified vineyards and are continually working towards converting more year on year.

Tasting & Pairing

Rich chocolate notes on the nose, a full body wine with velvety finish.

Pairs well with barbequed meat and rich stews.

Sustainability & Extra Information

Vegetarian, Vegan