



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata 2017 Bel' Bruzzo, Estate

The Montepulciano variety is widely grown in central Italy, most notably its eastern Abruzzo region. It's not to be confused with Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, a Tuscan wine made from Sangiovese and other grapes. While Montepulciano is grown vastly in central Italy, there are only 98 acres of this grape planted in California. Compare this to 4800 acres of Barbera or 85,000 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon. We feel honored to have 2 acres of the grape in our vineyard. We have a deep family connection to this grape as Gino's Mama was from the Abruzzo region. Montepulciano is a medium bodied wine with fruity fresh tannin components. This 2017 vintage has easygoing aromas and flavors of cherry. Medium body, bright acidity and a fruity finish says drink now.

Harvested: October 13 and 18, 2017

Brix: 25.1

pH: 3.41

Fermented: 16 days in 1.5 ton, open top fermenter

Pressed: Into neutral barrels

Alcohol: 13.9%

Bottled: July 9th, 2019

Production: 165 cases

Aging: Lower in tannin, but not in the bottle long, give this wine a few months to rest and then drink! Drink now, if you must. Best Spring 2020 through 2023.