



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata 2018 Bel Bruzzo, Estate

Because nothing in life is ever confusing, this grape variety is Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. It is not the variety of Sangiovese from Tuscany, Montepulciano. It is from the region of Abruzzo, Italy, which is east of Rome. Planted in our vineyard as homage to our maternal great-grandmother, it gives us a full black cherry wine, tannic when young, settling down with some short aging. It will age for 10 years, but tastes the same as when bottled. Why wait? This vintage is from an almost normal rain year, 14.6 inches. But much of that rain was late and all at once. Poor vines, good wine. The taste at release is tight and full-bodied. Please age 6 months or decant, then pair with Salisbury Steak with brown butter sauce.

Harvested: November 7, 2018

Brix: 25.2

pH: 3.27

Fermented: Open top stainless steel fermenters for 12 days

Pressed: To neutral oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.8%

Bottled: August 7, 2020

Production: 126 cases

Aging: Ready to drink but would benefit from a little more age. Best Spring 2021 to 2024.