

## ILLUMINATI

*Riparosso 2019*

**\$22.74\***

\* Suggested retail price

	Product code	328997
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	Speculative
	Status	Available
	Type of product	Still wine
	Country	Italy
	Regulated designation	Denominazione di origine controllata (DOC)
	Region	Abruzzo
	Appellation	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
	Varietal(s)	Montepulciano 100 %
	Colour	Red
	Sugar	Dry
	Closure type	Cork

### ABOUT THIS WINERY

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colline Teramane is Abruzzo's jewel in the crown, a fact confirmed by its promotion to DOCG status in 2003. Situated in Central Italy, its name (Colline Teramane) means hills of Teramo, and it is thanks to this prime hilly site with outstanding growing conditions that the Montepulciano d'Abruzzo gem can shine.

### TASTING NOTES

"Bright aromas of ripe red cherry and blackberry blend with accents of cinnamon, clove and chopped herbs. It's supple in feel on the palate, driven by juicy berry flavors and supported by soft, rounded tannins. It's an enjoyable entry to the Montepulciano variety." - Wine Enthusiast

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Grapes are generally harvested during the first half of October, and, after an accurate selection are stemmed and very softly crushed and processed following the traditional "red" method, which includes a long-term maceration of the skins inside stainless steel process tanks at a controlled temperature of 28°C. Once malolactic fermentation has taken place, wine ages inside Slavonian oak barrels (25 hl each) for approximately six months.

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