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Fattoria Nicodemi 2010 Notàri Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Abruzzo, Italy



The Fattoria Nicodemi winery is located in the new Colline Teramane District of the Abruzzo region, a hilly part of Central Italy that borders the Adriatic Sea. Despite its small vineyard plantings, Abruzzo produces over 40 million cases of wine each year - more than twice that of Tuscany. The great varietal here is the famed Montepulciano, Italy's fifth largest planted grape. It should not be confused with Tuscan Montepulcianos, which are red wines made from Sangiovese and other grapes near the town of Montepulciano. Montepulciano d'Abruzzos are typically deeper colored wines with pepper and spice notes, nuances of earth and blackberries, and often described as "rustic."

The Fattoria Nicodemi winery was founded more than a half century ago by Bruno Nicodemi, who took over his father Carlo's vineyards. Since 2000, the winery has been run by the brother/sister team of Alessandro and Elena Nicodemi, third generation operators. This brother/sister team also fills the role of winemakers at their family's impressive winery. They have specialized in native Italian varietals and are assisted in their winemaking duties by Federico Curtaz and Paola Caciorgna. Curtaz worked for fifteen years with Angelo Gaja, one of Italy's greatest winemakers, and Caciorgna is Tuscan and has made a name for himself with his own wines that are crafted from grapes grown on the side of volcanic Mt. Etna. Such winemaking expertise insures near perfection for the wines of Fattoria Nicodemi.

TASTING NOTES

The 2010 Notàri Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is produced from sustainably farmed vineyards in the Colline Teramane District of the Abruzzo region. The term *Notàri* is a reserve designation for the Fattoria Nicodemi winery's highest quality fruit that is singled out at harvest time and exceptionally handled until production. This special bottling is a beautiful, complex wine that showcases the soul and sheer marrow of the true Montepulciano, in all its earthy elegance and concentration. Blackberries, warmed prunes and licorice mix with a hint of incense and pepper on the expressive nose, while poised flavors of blackberries, black cherries and dark chocolate fill the palate. Rich red fruits and baking spices linger on the finish. Aged 12 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2020.

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