

Poliziano

From a family estate founded in 1961, this bottling embodies decades of devotion to Prugnolo Gentile and the historical nobility of Montepulciano's wines.



Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2020

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Montepulciano's gently rolling hills sit between the Val di Chiana and Val d'Orcia in southern Tuscany. Poliziano's parcels lie **300-420 m** above sea level on clay- and siltrich soils threaded with ancient marine **fossils**, a matrix that tempers vine vigor and preserves acidity. Breezes and diurnal shifts favor slow, even ripening, giving wines that marry brightness with depth. The backbone is **Prugnolo Gentile**—the local biotype of Sangiovese—valued here for perfume, taut acidity and fine, age-worthy tannins.

The 2020 growing season yielded reds combining ripeness with freshness; the best examples, like Poliziano, balance plush fruit with sculpted tannins and a cool-toned finish—hallmarks of Montepulciano at its most classical.

Winemaking

The blend is **85% Sangiovese (Prugnolo Gentile)** with the remainder **Colorino, Canaiolo and a touch of Merlot**. Grapes are optically sorted; fermentation uses vineyard-selected cultured yeasts. Malolactic occurs in **6,000-8,000 L French oak vats**.

Élevage lasts 18-20 months in a calibrated mix: 20% barriques (225 L), 40% tonneaux (500 L) and 40% large casks (≈3,500 L), all used French oak, followed by 6-8 months in bottle before release—comfortably meeting Vino Nobile's 2-year DOCG aging rule. Alcohol ~14%.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Medium-deep ruby with a faint garnet rim.
- **Aroma**: Ripe red cherry and wild berries layered with fine spice, hints of crushed stone, dried orange peel and subtle cedar.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied; bright acidity carries red-berry and cherry flavors with a touch of cranberry and fig. Tannins are fine-grained and lightly chalky; a long, savory finish shows mineral poise and gentle oak.



Alcohol :14,50 % Composition: 85% Prugnolo Gentile, 15% Colorino







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Did you know?

The estate name honors Angelo Ambrogini—known as **Poliziano**—the Renaissance humanist born in Montepulciano. Historically, Vino Nobile has been praised as the "**king of wines**," a nod to its noble patrons and longevity in Tuscan culture.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- Pappardelle al ragù di cinghiale the wine's acidity and savory tannins cut through rich, gamey sauce and echo its herbal notes.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic** sanguine fruit and fine tannins align with lamb's sweetness and aromatic herbs.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto** bright red fruit and mineral line refresh umamirich, creamy textures.
- **Pecorino Toscano stagionato** salinity and firm texture draw out the wine's cherry, spice and subtle leather tones.



James Suckling (JS): 92 Points (2020)

Ripe, luminous red berries with fine spices and a hint of crushed-stone minerality. Medium to full body on the palate with fine herbs, citrus and berries all wrapped by fine, crumbled tannins



Wine Spectator (WS): 92 Points (2020)

This red offers an inviting expression of cherry, raspberry, floral, mineral and spice flavors. Pure, with a firm backbone of tannins, vibrant acidity and a lingering, fruity aftertaste. Sangiovese, Colorino, Canaiolo and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2040. 16,666 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.



Robert Parker (RP): 92 Points (2019)

Offered at a very attractive price point, the 2019 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is 92% Sangiovese with smaller parts of Colorino and Canaiolo. The Poliziano house style is very distinctive, and thise is one of the wines you can immediately recognize in a blind tasting, thanks to the soft extraction and sweet oak tannins obtained with up to 16 months of aging (in a combination of barrique, tonneaux and botte grande). Indeed, the wine flaunts a modern flavor profile with creamy dark fruit, baking chocolate and cinnamon spice over a full-bodied style. An ample 135,000 bottles were released.



