

POLIZIANO  
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano  
2007



# 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.



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92  
James  
Suckling



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 85% Prugnolo  
Gentile, 15% Colorino

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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 silt-rich 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.



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### Did you know?

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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

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- **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 umami-rich, 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)

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*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)

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*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)

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*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 this 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.*

