



MONTCALM
WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



ILLUMINATI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO DOC RISERVA 'ILICO' 2017

"A dense core of red-cherry coulis is lifted up by bright mentholated herbs and tobacco on the nose of this riserva. Medium in weight, there's a tangy cherry tone to the palate, with firm, finely knit tannins and pulsing acidity providing the frame. More herbs and a slight granite twang linger on the finish."

- A.P. (June/July 2020)

"In the absence of their Zanna. **It's up to their Ilico Riserva to lead this year's selection of Montepulcianos.** After about a year of ageing in wood barrels, it comes through meaty, earthy and woody, varietal in Montepulciano's signature dark tones. The palate is firm and close-knit, exhibiting great structure." - *GR Italian Wines 2020*

"Creamy tannins and bright acidity frame dark and brambly flavors of dried blackberry and Mediterranean herbs in this racy, medium- to full-bodied red, with a touch of olive tapenade. Drink now through 2026." - A.N. (Apr 2021)

"Crushed raspberries offset by notes of sage, smoky minerals, a hint of balsamic spice and sous-bois can all be found in the 2017 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Ilico. It's silky in feel, contrasted by cool-toned fruit, yet also round with balanced sweetness and grip. The finish is long and quite unique, as notes of caraway seed give way to purple-tinged florals and blackberry with just a hint of fine tannin." - E.G. (Apr 2021)

WINE ENTHUSIAST

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EDITORS' CHOICE

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