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WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



ILLUMINATI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO RIPAROSSO 2014

“A steal, this wine is in the “buy it by the case” category. Always a good buy, the 2014 vintage is especially noteworthy because Illuminati made no riserva that year. Grapes from their 45-year old vineyard that usually go into the riserva wound up in the Riparosso, imparting extra density, concentration and refinement. The remarkable thing about this wine is its balance of fruit and firmness and earthiness. Grander than the prices implies, it finishes with an attractive bitter note that makes it a wonderful choice with robust pasta dishes or a simply grilled veal chop.” - M.A. (8/16)

“Good deep red. Sweet spices and balsamic nuances complement the intense red cherry aromas. Sweet and round; lovely vinosity gives shape and lift to the red cherry and spice flavors. Simple and refreshing, but offers excellent focus and palate presence for an entry-level Montepulciano d’Abruzzo.” - Ian D’Agata (8/16)

wine review online

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