



**MONTCALM**  
WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



WINERY	Illuminati
WINE	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 'Riparosso'
REGION	Abruzzo
VARIETAL	100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Controguerra, Torano, Corropoli (Teramo)
ORIENTATION	Southeast
ALTITUDE	250 meters above sea level
TYPE OF PLANTING	Sustainable Farming
SOIL	Medium-textured soil of clay
TYPE OF CULTIVATION	Pergola Abruzzese
VINIFICATION	Grapes are usually harvested in the first week of October. Maceration on the skins lasts 14 days in stainless steel vats at controlled temperature.
AGING	Aged 8 months in Slavonian oak casks (25 hl in size, 4/6 years old casks), then for another 2 to 3 months in bottle.
ALCOHOL CONTENT	13.5%
TOTAL PRODUCTION	650,000 bottles
OENOLOGIST	Claudio Cappellacci, Giorgio Marone
NOTES	Starting with the 2017 vintage, Riparosso features screwcap closure.

#### TASTING NOTES

'Riparosso' is the winery's entry-level wine, a great introduction to Montepulciano and a blockbuster. Sourced from a single-vineyard, Riparosso is a joyous, fruit-driven red with juicy dark cherries, flowers and spices that seem to jump from the glass. The palate is deep, full, round, and well-balanced with a lingering hint of licorice on the finish. Pairs well with roasted red meats, braised meats, game, poultry, medium-aged cheeses, and it is ideal with lamb. A perfect everyday red wine and always a crowd favorite!

#### ABOUT THE WINERY

In more than 120 years of company's history the Illuminati vineyards have grown from 15 to 130 hectares in size in Controguerra, a special wine-producing area between the Gran Sasso mountains and the Adriatic Sea. Dino Illuminati is a long-standing icon and advocate for this unique piece of land and was the driving force behind the DOC recognition of this part of Abruzzo. The Illuminati family represent all that is great about modern winemaking, with their innate understanding and possession of some remarkable vineyard sites, a respect for tradition and family that dates back to the winery's inception in 1890 and a totally up-to-the-minute technological bent which sees their winemaking facilities equipped to best practise standards. Quality, not quantity drives Dino Illuminati and his family. The focus is on Montepulciano made in traditional fashion and offered in excellent, drinkable mealtime bottlings to more nuanced, muscular vineyard selections, most offering terrific value for the money. Little has changed at the winery except that Cavaliere now works with the family younger generations.