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Binomio 2019 Riserva Montepulciano (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo)

The nose blends fruit notes of raspberry and strawberry with savory aromas of fresh grass, wild fennel and cured meat. That meatiness flourishes on the palate, but the fruit lingers to maintain a pleasing tension. Tannins provide structure as the acid finds its footing.

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La Valentina 2019 Bellovedere Terre dei Vestini Riserva Montepulciano (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo)

Initially, the nose is all savory, with notes of hot tar, pencil shavings, soil and oregano, but an developing swirl of plums and baking spices eventually brings a pleasing sweetness. That sweetness swells on the plate, while a dark-chocolate undertone preserves balance through a warm, tannic finish.

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La Valentina 2019 Spelt Montepulciano (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo)

The nose starts with a burst of red cherries, but nuance comes as savory, umami notes of balsamic and underbrush eventually emerge, along with a swirl of milk chocolate.

That balance between fruit, chocolate and savoriness continues on the palate, which is framed by sturdy, reliable tannins.

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La Valentina 2022 Spelt Rosato (Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo)

The nose is fresh yet salty, as notes of watermelon and cherry are balanced by subtle undertones of tar and leather. The fruit notes define the palate, but plentiful acid and prominent tannins emphasize the saltiness to maintain balance.

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