

WINE FACT SHEET



San Calisto Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2006

Wine Description

San Calisto is Valle Reale's flagship wine. This muscular yet refined wine is made from 100% Montepulciano grown in the San Calisto parcel, the oldest plot in the Valle Reale estate. Located within one of Italy's most beautiful national parks, and surrounded by the Gran Sasso mountain range. This unique vineyard benefits from the high elevation, a wide diurnal temperature range, lots of cool, breezy ventilation and limestone rich soils.

Tasting Notes

Deep, ruby-red in color, San Calisto offers layered aromas of ripe blackberries and crushed black cherries, followed by spicy notes of cassis, leather and Mediterranean wildflowers. On the palate, its firm structure is elegantly softened by its silky, rich mouthfeel. San Calisto is excellent with sharp cheeses, barbecued ribs, lamb, filet mignon or steak au poivre.

Vineyard Characteristics

Production area/name of vineyard:	The San Calisto vineyard
Size of vineyard (acres):	5
Soil composition:	Limestone, calcareous clay and pebbles
Training method:	Pergola
Elevation (feet):	1,320
Vines/acre:	1,000
Exposure:	Southern/Southeastern
Year vineyard planted:	1970
Agronomist/Vineyard manager:	Luciana Biondo

Winemaking & Aging

Varietal composition:	100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
Harvest time:	November
Winemaking consultant:	Carlo Ferrini
First vintage of this wine:	2000
Number bottles produced of this wine:	14,000

Fermentation

Fermentation container:	Stainless steel
Length of alcoholic fermentation (days):	8-10
Fermentation temperature (°F):	86-89
Length of maceration (days):	25
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes

Aging

Aging container:	French barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	New
Cooperage:	French oak: Tronçais
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months
Length of bottle aging:	9 months

Analytical data

Alcohol:	14.0%
pH level:	3.3
Residual sugar (grams/liter):	2.7
Acidity (grams/liter):	6.9
Dry extract (grams/liter):	31



Producer Profile

Owned by: Leonardo Pizzolo

Winemaker: Luciana Biondo

Total acreage under vine: 130

Estate founded: 2000

Winery production total: 550,000

Region: Abruzzo

Country: Italy



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