

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Il Conviviale', Ancora

Location: Abruzzo region of Italy



Grape: Montepulciano. The Montepulciano grape is found in numerous regions around Southern Italy and most famously in the town of **Abruzzo**. *The name Montepulciano is often confused with a town in Southern Tuscany that goes by the same name, the wine made there is called *Vino nobile de Montepulciano* so don't get confused!!!*

Description: Dark plum colour in appearance, this is a full flavoured, robust red wine from the Abruzzo region of Italy's Adriatic coast. Produced from the local Montepulciano grape it has ripe, juicy plum and black cherry fruit characters with hints of bitter chocolate and a warm, spicy finish that comes from oak ageing in a combination of barrels and old oak casks. An ideal partner to roast meat, pasta dishes and hard cheeses.

Brachetto d'Aqui, Alasia

Location: Piedmont region of Italy



Grape: Brachetto is a red [Italian wine grape variety](#) grown predominately in the [Piedmont](#) region of northwest [Italy](#). The Brachetto varietal may have originated in Provence, but today it is grown in much larger quantities in Italy, in particular in Piemonte. The Brachetto vine is delicate, giving low yields from which sweet red wines with the colour and flavour of strawberries are produced. The grapes for Alasia Brachetto d'Acqui are sourced from vineyards in the Monferrato hills in the south of the province of Asti.

Description: Vibrant ruby in colour, this shows aromas of raspberry sorbet with rose perfumed hints. Appealing off-dry palate with crunchy raspberry fruit, mouthwatering acidity and a juicy finish.

False Bay Chenin Blanc 2009, False Bay Vineyards

Location: False Bay, South Africa. One hour away from Stellenbosch, South Africa's biggest wine growing region and just south of Cape Town



Grape: Chenin blanc is a white [wine grape variety](#) which originates from the [Loire valley](#) of [France](#). Its high [acidity](#) means it can be used to make everything from [sparkling wines](#) to well-balanced [dessert wines](#). Outside the Loire it is found in most of the [New World wine](#) regions; it is the most widely planted variety in [South Africa](#), where it is also known as **Steen**. In [Vouvray AOC](#) they aim for an off-dry style, developing honey and floral characteristics with age. In the best vintages the grapes can be left on the vines to develop [noble rot](#), producing an intense, viscous dessert wine which may improve considerably with [age](#).^[4]

Description: Fine, mineral Chenin characters with gentle ripe apple aromas, honeyed aromatics and delicious greengage and citrus lemon acidity on the long finish. A wine with great finesse and style. a versatile wine equally well suited to partner lobster and other seafood, risotto or roast chicken.