

MONTEPELOSO

‘I was blown away by the intensity these wines possessed.’

-Robert Parker

‘Montepeloso has achieved a level of success and a renown in the world of wine that no one could have imagined a short time ago’

- Gambero Rosso

Year Founded: 1994

Region: Tuscany

**Winemaker and Owner:
Fabio Chiarello**

Known for: Beautiful and profound wines of the Tuscan coast. An iconoclast without peer.

-Biodynamic, Organic-

Quietly over the past decade, Montepeloso's Fabio Chiarello has emerged as one of the towering winemakers of the Tuscan coast. His windy site sits above the famed Tua Rita estate in Suvereto, producing red wines that are among the region's most refined. The *terroir* itself is extraordinary: hillsides around the town of Suvereto. The zone's petrified clay soils, and its proximity to the sea, give a startling intensity of flavor to wines. It's little wonder that half a dozen estates have sprung up over the past 20 years though, by contrast, most are planted in the heavier clays of the valley floor. From the beginning, Suvereto's challenge to Bolgheri—as Tuscany's premier source of Super Tuscans—has come from just two adjacent estates: Tua Rita and Montepeloso.



The properties enjoy two of the best terroirs in Italy: Montepeloso on a gentle hillside of chalky gravel and clay, and Tua Rita in heavier clay below. Climatically warmer than interior Tuscany—and possessing a marked similarity to St. Emilion's famed Côtes - this locale naturally limits yields and is capable of producing wines with great concentration and perfume. While a unique site is important for great wine, an inspired winemaker is also required. The introspective Chiarello had little interest in the guidance of fashionable enologists. He was determined to follow his own path and he brought with him a clear vision of the singular wines he felt the estate could yield. His obsession is such that we find few others with which to compare him. The person he most reminds us of is the great Montalcino iconoclast, Gianfranco Soldera. Like Soldera, Chiarello remains driven by his own philosophies, possessing an obsessive commitment to quality, with an apparent disinterest in what others think of him or his wines.

2021/2022 Montepeloso 'A Quó' Rosso



"This distinctive Italian blend throws you a few delicious curves and gives voice to the 'Mediterranean' side of Tuscany."

- Master Somm Ian Cauble

30% Montepulciano, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Sangiovese, 10% Marselan,
10% Alicante. Four months in second passage barriques.

"One moment it feels a little Spanish, like something from Priorat or Montsant; then it's off to the Left Bank of Bordeaux; then there's a wild, herbal, underbrush-y note that pulls you to the Mediterranean."

– SommSelect

91 Points – '22 Vinous

93 Points – James Suckling – *"A firm and silky red with blackberry and blueberry character with some hints of cream. Medium-bodied with polished tannins and a fresh finish. Racy and refined at the end."*

2018/2021 Montepeloso 'Eneo' Rosso



45% Sangiovese, 35% Montepulciano, 15% Alicante and 5% Marselan. Harvested by hand in the first two weeks in October. Grapes are 100% de-stemmed. No filtration. Aged in second, third and fourth passage barriques.

95 Points – '21 Vinous – *"Superb. Bright and effusive, with tons of explosive energy, the 2021 is shaping up to be a gem. Crushed flowers, blood orange, cinnamon, cedar and spice are all finely delineated in an Eneo that exudes balance. Clean mineral notes extend the finish effortlessly. I very much admire the vibrancy here, something that is hard to achieve in this district of Suvereto."*

95 Points – '21 James Suckling

94 Points – '18 Vinous - *"Redolent of crushed red berry fruit, licorice, blood orange, star anise and rose petal. Bright and gracious, with terrific purity, the Eneo beautifully captures the understated, nuanced style of the year. This is so nicely done."*

94 Points – '18 Robert Parker