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 Chiarelotto

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

-Biodynamic, Organic-



Quietly over the past decade, Montepeloso's Fabio Chiarelotto 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 Chiarelotto 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, Chiarelotto 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.



2024 '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

45% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malvasia Nero
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

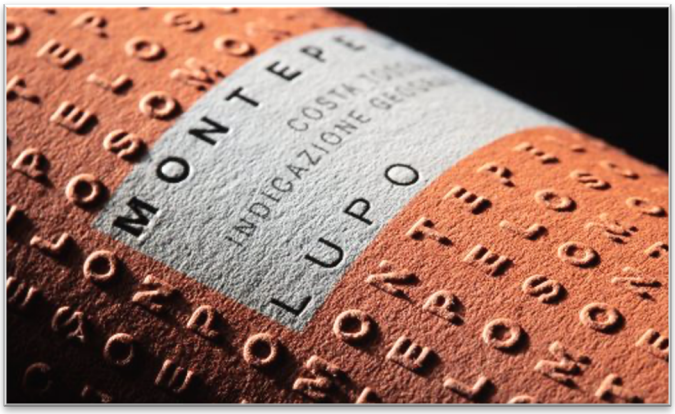
93 Points – James Suckling – *“Dark cherries and strawberries with fresh sage and thyme aromas follow through to a medium body with fine tannins and a crunchy finish. Savory and delicious with lovely energy and drinkability. Precise and yummy.”*



2022/2024 'Eneo' Rosso

65% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malvasia Nera. Grapes are 100% de-stemmed. No filtration. Maceration lasts for 14 to 27 days depending on the grape variety. Malolactic occurs in French barriques. Aged for 11 months in 2nd and 3rd passage barrels followed by nine months in steel.

94 Points – '24 Vinous – *"Laced with crushed red berry fruit, chalk, mint, white pepper and dried herbs. This is an especially floral/savory vintage for Eneo. Brisk acids carry the mid-palate and finish effortlessly. A burst of red Sangiovese fruit punctuates the close. Eneo combines the red-toned fruit of Sangiovese, the savoriness of Cabernet Sauvignon and a kick of spice from the Malvasia Nera. That's a pretty appealing combination in my book."*



2025 'Lupo' Rosso

Chillable!

100% Sangiovese. A 2-hectare, 25-year-old Sangiovese plot that produces big bunches with soft tannins at full ripeness. The resulting wine straddles the boundary between light red and dark rose. 25% Whole cluster. Maceration lasts for approximately 10 days before aging in old French demi-muid for 5 months an additional 6+ months in tank and bottle. This is a new addition to the Montepeloso line. It is meant to be a lighter drinking red wine for everyday consumption. Think a Tuscan Coast version of Schiava to be served slightly chilled. Juicy and bright with 2 grams of sugar to add to mouthfeel.

91 Points – Vinous – *"Brisk and refreshing, qualities that make it a solid choice for drinking now and over the next few years. It's an ideal delicate red to drink with a slight chill during the warm summer months. What a total delight."*



2024 'Gabbro' Rosso

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Harvested by hand. Grapes are 100% de-stemmed. No filtration. Aged in second, third and fourth passage barriques.

95-97 Points – Vinous – *"One of the classiest wines I have ever tasted from Montepeloso. Black cherry, graphite, new leather, licorice and black pepper scream from the glass. This is Cabernet Sauvignon with a Tuscan soul. I can't wait to taste it in finished form. Seriously impressive."*