PIETRA MAJELLA



Created over thirty five years ago, Cantina Miglianico is a large consortium of small Italian farmers who painstakingly manage the growing of Montepulciano grapes. For generations, these farmers have been growing the vines in the same traditional style as their forefathers. Finding it difficult to individually produce this wonderful wine cost effectively, the farmers joined together to create "Cantina Miglianico" – a separate entity which buys only the best Montepulciano and Sangiovese grapes grown on hillside vineyards, to produce their wine.

In literature, wines from this region have been raved about since 210 B.C.! Polibio, a Greek historian, wrote about the travels of Annibale and his stop here in the Abruzzo region. All of his soldiers, horses, and livestock were dying from "la scabbia della fame," a contagious disease caused by famine. But once the horses and men drank the wine from Abruzzo, they were completely cured!

## MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO

REGION: Abruzzo WINEMAKER: Carmine Mancini VARIETAL: At least 85% Montepulciano and up to 15% Sangiovese COLOR: Bright purple with lighter purplish reflections BOUQUET: Vinous, tenuous and appealing TASTE: Dry, soft and smooth with a spicy finish. The fruit is underlying and subtle, not punchy as in many other Montepulcianos AGEING: 9 Months in oak barrels FOOD PAIRING: Perfect with picnic fare or with red meat dishes SERVING TEMP: 68° F (20° C)



