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What is Vino Nobile, why and where...

- Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is one of the most important italian red wines.
 It is produced in Toscana (central Italy) and -more specifically- on Colli senesi area (province of Siena town).
- "Vino Nobile di Montepulciano" is the (fantasy) name of the wine: it made from Sangiovese (red) grape, the notorious grape of this region (Tuscany). Sangiovese is the grape of many important red od the region, such as Chianti and Chianti classico, Brunello di Montalcino, Morellino di Scansano: same grape, different clones.

(Prugnolo gentile is the clone used for Vino Nobile di Montepulciano)

- Do not mix it up with another important italian red (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, made of Montepulciano grape and produces in Abruzzo region).
- It matures 2 year in cellar before being commercialized (3 year for the Riserva version).

On February, as usual for all zones and wines of Tuscany, the "Anteprima" event takes place here also in this production area of Montepulciano, also thanks to the Consorzio to give the possibility to try the last vintages included the very last one which is not available on the market yet...

This week end I have been at the historical "Fortezza" to try some. Here is the list of the ones I have preferred even if I could not have the all unfortunately![......]

BERTILLE winery

A family of lawyers which has decided to change business! They are growing a lot and the wines are absolutely well done. I loved the *Riserva 2010*!