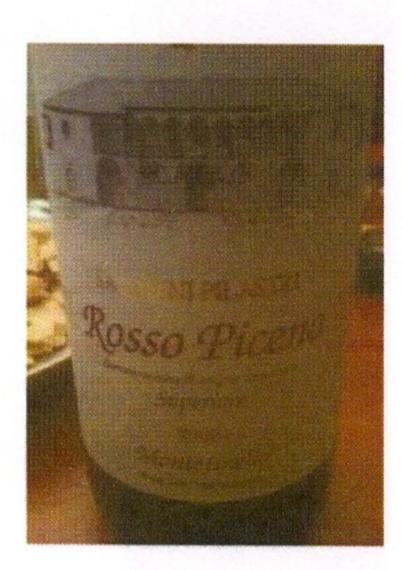


Charles Scicolone on Wine

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Italian Red Wine Under \$20 for All Seasons



Rosso Piceno Superiore 2007 DOC "Vigna Montetinello" Montepulciano 70 % Sangiovese 30% Saladini Pilastri

The vineyard is at 200 meters and the exposure is west- east. The cultivation system is vertical shoot positioned trellis and there are 2,000 plants/ha; the average age of the vines is 30 years. Harvest takes place at the end of October. The wine is fermented in stainless steel and aged for 18 months in French tonneaux. This is a wine with nice red and black fruit, with a long finish and pleasing aftertaste. \$17.99