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Wine of the week

Let's embrace the confusion. Catina Zaccagini, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, is a tasty little red from the area of Abruzzo, Italy. It is not, however, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. You see, Montepulciano is one of the most widely planted grapes in Italy. It makes gorgeous, rich reds. Montepulciano is also a place and makes its wine from Sangiovese. It can be guite expensive, too. Not so with

Catina Zaccagini's Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. It's a charmer with lots of nose, velvety soft cherry fruits and a modicum of tannic chew. Cheap enough to serve everyday, so get out the burgers, pizza and have some fun. Costs about \$13.

- Mike McVittie reviews wines available in Anchorage.