

La Staffa | 'Rubina'

Marche Rosso IGT



The Story: My love of Verdicchio is well-known. I think it must be one of the great grapes of Italy, possibly the world. You can do anything with Verdicchio: dry wine, sweet wine, still wine, sparkling wine, fresh wine, and wine to age. It is an amazing grape and I wanted to find the next great Verdicchio producer, so I asked a friend who is a Verdicchio producer whose wines I already loved to tell me who he thought that person was. He told me he knew just the person, Riccardo Baldi. Riccardo is less than 30 years old and already recognized internationally as the rising star of Verdicchio. He farms his small vineyards organically and produces some of the best Verdicchio wines you will find. Production is very small, but you will find the wines worth waiting for each year. The Verdicchio wines are fresh and pure with lots of minerality, acid, and herbs that pair very well with the citrus and stone fruit aromas and flavors. Everything here is done by hand. The vineyards are red clay with lots of limestone and range 300-450M.

Vineyard: The hillsides of the foothills in the Contrada of Castellaretta located in the municipality Staffolo in the Province of Ancona covering a total of 1ha sitting at 442masl. In January, vines were pruned: Grapes were hand-harvested in crates and hand-sorted, at optimal ripeness.

Vinification: Macerated for 15 days in concrete, upon completion of fermentation the wine rests in concrete until malolactic fermentation completes.

Ageing: 2 years in barriques followed by another 2 years bottle-aged.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: The name "Rubina" refers to the gem-like value of this wine.

Varietal: 100% Montepulciano

Region: Le Marche, IT

Winemaker: Riccardo Baldi

Vines Age: 18 years

Production: 2,000 bottles

Farming: Certified Organic

Soil: Calcareous-Clay

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