

La Staffa | 'Rincrocca'

Castelli di Jesi Verdicchio Riserva DOCG



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. The Rincrocca vineyard has 80+ year old vines and a constant, intense wind.

Vineyard: The Rincrocca vineyard in the Contrada of Castellaretta located in the municipality Staffolo in the Province of Ancona covering a total of 1.5ha. The wine is a selection from the most important vineyard for La Staffa. Rincrocca vineyard sits at 450masl and the vines were planted in 1972. Soils have a saline component important to the wine as well as a high presence of calcium carbonate typical of the Castellaretta area. Grapes are hand-harvested and hand-sorted.

Vinification: Grapes were softly pressed followed by static decantation of the must. The juice was fermented with indigenous yeast exclusively in concrete.

Ageing: 12 months on the fine lees in concrete prior to bottling followed by another 12 months in bottle prior to release.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: This wine is a single-vineyard wine made from the best grapes, vigorously hand-sorted, from La Staffa's best site.

Varietal: 100% Verdicchio

Region: Le Marche, IT

Winemaker: Riccardo Baldi

Vines Age: 48 years

Production: 6,000 bottles

Farming: Certified Organic

Soil: Clay, Limestone, Saline, Calcium Carbonate

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