

# La Staffa | Verdicchio

## Castelli di Jesi DOC Classico Superiore



**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:** Sites in the Contrada of Castellaretta located in the municipality Staffolo in the Province of Ancona covering a total of 8ha with diverse exposures and sitting at an average of 400masl. The oldest vines were planted in 1972 and the youngest in 2010. Soils have a saline component important to the wine as well as a high presence of calcium carbonate typical of the Castellaretta / Salmagina 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 in both stainless steel and concrete tanks.

**Ageing:** 3 months in stainless steel tank prior to bottling.

**Everything else you want to know about this wine:** This wine is an expression of every single plant, exposure, and terrain coming from individual fermentations of each. The final wine is a blend from 10 or 12 tanks representing each aspect in one harmonious wine representative of its terroir.

**Varietal:** 100% Verdicchio

**Region:** Le Marche, IT

**Winemaker:** Riccardo Baldi

**Vines Age:** 10 - 48 years

**Production:** 30,000 bottles

**Farming:** Certified Organic

**Soil:** Clay, Limestone, Saline, Calcium Carbonate

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