



## AZIENDA AGRICOLA COLLESTEFANO

In 1998, Fabio Marchionni took over his family's estate in the high hills of the Matelica zone in the Marche region of Italy. The 15-hectare property is nestled in the hills alongside the Esino River between the Apennine Mountains and the Adriatic Sea. Fabio previously completed his degree in agriculture, writing his thesis on Verdicchio di Matelica. He then moved to Germany to study grape cultivation and winemaking techniques as well as to intern with an organic and biodynamic producer in the upper Rhine valley. These experiences all contributed to Marchionni's sole product, the extremely classic single varietal, Verdicchio di Matelica. Under Fabio's direction, the Collestefano Verdicchio has received multiple two and three glass (bicchieri) ratings from the renowned Italian wine publication, Gambero Rosso.

## Verdicchio Di Matelica

REGION	Le Marche, Italy
APPELLATION	DOC Verdicchio di Matelica
VARIETALS	100% Verdicchio di Matelica
SOIL	Alluvial with limestone and chalk
VINEYARD ELEVATION	420 m
YIELD	40 hl/ha
VITICULTURE	Certified organic viticulture, hand-harvested, all massale selection.
WINE MAKING	Soft pressing and slow fermentation in stainless steel. No malolactic fermentation.
TASTING NOTES	Fresh and bright acidity and overall good structure. A pale yellow wine, with greenish tones and a delicate scent of country herbs and apple. On the palate, the wine is fragrant with a fresh tartness, making it particularly food-friendly.
PRESS	"Let me be clear: I think it is probably Italy's single greatest white wine buy." --Stephen Tanzer's The Wine Advocate

