



GRAND COEUR WINES

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VERDICCHIO
LE MARCHE, ITALY

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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

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| REGION | Le Marche, Italy |
| APPELLATION | DOC Verdicchio di Matelica |
| VARIETALS | 100% Verdicchio di Matelica |
| SOIL | Alluvial with limestone and chalk |
| VINEYARD ELEVATION | 420 m |
| YIELDS | 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 |

