

CASTIGLIONI F. LLI BISCI

Matelica

Verdicchio is a commonplace name among wine consumers. But few know that there are two appellations where Verdicchio is produced – Castelli di Iesi and Matelica – both employing the same Verdicchio varietal, but yielding wines so radically different as to really call for a more definite distinction than the one employed today.

The wines from the Castelli di Iesi appellation are responsible for Verdicchio's reputation as a supremely drinkable wine for refreshing simplicity and very affordable price.

Verdicchio di Matelica is still virtually unknown outside of its appellation, a very small township couched in the hilly rural central part of the Marche region.

The Castiglioni Bisci estate is without doubt Matelica's finest expression, its owners devoted solely to quality; rigorously enforcing short pruning and the strictest cluster selection during harvest; bottling only wine from first run must, and actually skipping vintages (as in 1989) when not entirely satisfied with the final result. Releasing their Verdicchio after most others have already been consumed, and actually releasing a single vineyard reserve, Vigneto Fogliano, a year after their regular Verdicchio, the Castiglioni Bisci estate makes a clear statement as to the character of its wines.

Their wine is rich, creamy, engagingly structured wine of remarkable amplitude and length on the palate. When young the bouquet has varietal grassy qualities backed by a spicy nature



that with age evolves into complex and seductive resinous suggestions, displaying characteristics so bold and distinctive as to warrant a redefinition of both varietal and wine.

Le Marche

BISCI

Verdicchio di Matelica

Zone: *Matelica*

Varietal: *Verdicchio*

Vineyard Ext.: *12 hectares*

Average Prod.: *44,000 btl/s*

Verdicchio di Matelica Fogliano

Zone: *Matelica*

Cru: *Fogliano*

Varietal: *Verdicchio*

Vineyard Ext.: *4 hectares*

Average Prod.: *13,500 btl/s*