

# BOCCADIGABBIA

Rosso Piceno

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Italy

MARCHE

Civitanova Marche

## OVERVIEW

For many reasons Boccadigabbia is one of the most interesting domains in the Marche region. Until 1950 the estate belonged to Prince Luigi Girolamo Napoleon Bonaparte, direct descendant of the Napoleon we all know. In fact, ever since the early 19th century, French grapes were planted at Boccadigabbia under the Napoleonic administration, varieties the locals described as "bordò" and "francesi" - a heritage unfortunately wholly lost in the breakdown of the imperial properties that ended in their sale. It then makes perfect sense that Elvio Alessandri, the present owner, decided to plant Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon alongside the traditional Sangiovese, Trebbiano and Montepulciano: the choice had a historical as well as qualitative significance.

**Varieties:** Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Trebbiano, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio

**Total Acreage:**  
11.5 hectares

**Average Production:**  
5,000 cases

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

One cannot help admiring the care in the vineyard and in the cellar, both testimonials to an uncompromising drive for quality and quality alone. The excellence and excitement one tastes in each and every wine is a tribute to the owner and to the dedicated winemaker, Fabrizio Ciufoli.

- The Le Marche region imposes strict environmental standards that Boccadigabbia meets and also exceeds in their practices. Only organic fertilizers are used, if necessary.
- Cover crops are left between the rows of vines and every 3-4 years the plants are tilled into the soil for natural fertilizer.

## WINES

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This is an incredible wine for the money! Soft, fresh and forward...a gorgeous wine bursting with dark cherries, sage, spices and licorice.

## INFORMATION ON THE WINE REGION

Le Marche produces a large variety of wines including 13 varieties of wine carrying the D.O.C. label. Many of these wines are little known outside of Italy but visitors to the region have a pleasant surprise when they try the local wine produced.

**Rosso Piceno's** vineyards are situated primarily in the upper hills with altitudes ranging up to 700 meters above sea level, an area dominated by the peaks of the Monti Sibillini.

## ACCOLADES

"Boccadigabbia is one of the leading estates in the Marche. Many of the estate's vineyards are planted with international varieties, a tradition that dates back to Napoleonic times. Over the years the French varieties have become quite acclimated to the local soil and microclimate, resulting in wines of unusual pedigree." ~ *Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate, June 2011*



Elvio Alessandri



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