

2020 Borgo Paglianetto Verdicchio di Matelica Vertis

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This is a lovely wine with fruit from 30-year-old vines in limestone clay soils. The Borgo Paglianetto 2020 Verdicchio di Matelica Vertis has a beautiful theme of salinity or minerality that cuts right through the wine from bouquet to mouthfeel. It cedes to spicy white pepper, stone fruit and hints of tropical papaya. Vertis was first produced in 2008, and I was able to taste a library bottle from 2011 to test the encouraging aging potential of this pretty white wine.

The 2020 vintage shows elegant freshness and directness. You can easily count on a 10-year drinking window. Some 20,000 bottles were released.

My second visit in Matelica was to the dynamic Borgo Paglianetto estate. It was founded by five partners and today produces 11 wines, including one Metodo Classico sparkling, for a total of 130,000 bottles released annually. The estate was purchased in 1993, but winemaking started in 2003. The team is young, tightly knit and full of enthusiasm. Borgo Paglianetto is located within the cozy confines of the Alta Valle dell'Esino in the Matelica hills. This is the only valley in the area with a true north-to-south layout, and the cool climate is dictated by this fact. The estate has 29 hectare of vines across three parcels. In addition to Verdicchio, it farms the red grapes Sangiovese, Merlot, Montepulciano and Lacrima. It has been certified for organics since 2013. "Verdicchio from Matelica needs more time in bottle compared to Verdicchio from Jesi," says sales manager Marco Vecchiolo. Borgo Paglianetto makes elegant wines that are bright, lifted and show very precise aromas. I especially liked the slightly softer and more fleshed-out 2018 Verdicchio di Matelica Riserva Jera. That wine spends more time aging on the lees. We also tasted a few back vintages, and these wines showed beautifully.