

### Special wine producers in Le Marche

Each year, the bible of the Italian wine consumer – also called the '*Gambero Rosso*', the '*Italina Wines*', is published. The 2009 edition lists over 40 wine growers from Le Marche, each with some 10 wines. From this guide, we have made a small selection of producers. We have focused on specific regional wines, excellent price/quality ratio and good continuity. Even though the wines we tasted may not still be available, the later editions are often just as good.

The Gambero Rosso indicates quality with glasses, ranging from 1 glass (above average) to 3 glasses (the best), where red glasses indicate better quality than black glasses. The price is indicated in 8 categories: category 1 wines cost less than € 4.20, category 2 up to € 6.00, category 3 up to € 9.00 and category 4 up to € 15.60. You won't find the top four price categories in our selection. In the category 1 up to and including 4, we only included the wines with a so-called asterisk (\*) which are 'good value for money', relatively cheap compared to their quality. So, look for a maximum number of red glasses and the lowest price categories, preferably with an asterisk.

You can also buy wine yourself and visit a wine grower. If you do, you should keep in mind that it is customary in Italy to call (by telephone) a wine producer first, although you could also go on the off chance. Unlike France, not every wine grower has a sales outlet for wine tourists by the street. Don't forget the siesta either; most companies are closed between 12.00 and 16.00 hours. You stand better change in the morning between 10.00 and 12.00 hours and in the afternoon between 17.00 and 18.00 hours.

### Rosso Canero

- **Silvano Strologo**, Via Osimana 89, Camerano, tel 071 731104, [www.vinorossoconero.com](http://www.vinorossoconero.com). Small producer with 60,000 bottles on a 5 hectares vineyard. Silvano particularly produces Rosso Canero in various types, each named after a Roman emperor. Both his Julius 07 and his Caesar 07 are awarded 2 black glasses and are category 4 wines with an \*.
- **Spinsanti**, Via Fonte Inferno 11, Camerano, 071 731797, [www.catiaspinsanti.com](http://www.catiaspinsanti.com). Fellow-villager Spinsanti is also a small producer with 7.5 hectares producing 30,000 bottles. Besides the more costly Sessone (2 red glasses, far above price category 4), he also produces a fine Rosso Conero Adino 07 (2 black glasses, category 3\*) and Camars 06 (2 black glasses, price category 4\*).

### Rosso Piceno

- **Aurora**, Localita Santa Maria in Carro, Contrada da Ciafone 98, Offida, tel 073 6810007, [www.viniaurora.it](http://www.viniaurora.it). A certified biological wine grower with 9 hectares of vineyard and an annual volume of 45,000 bottles. Rosso Piceno 07: 2 black glasses, category 4\*; other good wines are the red Barricadiero and the white Pecorino Fiobbo.
- **Ciu Ciu**, Localita Santa Maria in Carro, Contrada da Ciafone 106, Offida, tel 073 6810001, [www.ciuciu.com](http://www.ciuciu.com). The Bartolomei brothers produce almost half a million bottles on 98 hectares. Rosse Piceno Superiore Gotico 07: 2 red glasses, category 4\*.
- **Tenuta de Angelis**, Via San Fransesco 10, Castel di Lama, [www.tenutadeangelis.it](http://www.tenutadeangelis.it). Quinto Fausti produces 500,000 bottles a year with 50 hectares of vineyard. Part of its produce is the Rosso Piceno Superiore Oro 06: 2 red glasses, category 4\*.
- **Poderi San Lazzaro**, Contrada da San Lazzaro 65, Offida, tel 073 6889189, [www.poderisanlazzaro.it](http://www.poderisanlazzaro.it). Small producer (15 hectares, 50,000 bottles) creating a fine Rosso Piceno Superiore Podere 06: 2 red glasses, category 4\*.
- **San Savino – Poderi Capecci**, Localita San Savino, Via Santa Maria in Carro 13, Ripatransone, tel 073 590107, [www.sansavino.com](http://www.sansavino.com). Simeone Capecci produces 120,000 bottles off of 32 hectares of vineyard. His Rosso Piceno Superiore Picus 06 gets 2 red glasses, category 4\*.

### **Verdicchio di Matelica**

- **Belisario**, Via Aristide Merloni 12, Matelica, tel 073 787247, [www.belisario.it](http://www.belisario.it). Traditional wine cooperation producing 820,000 bottles from 300 hectares. Verdecchio di Matelica 07: 2 red glasses, category 3\*.
- **Collestefano**, Localita Colle Stefano 3, Castelraimondo, tel 073 7640439, [www.collestefano.com](http://www.collestefano.com). Medium-sized company, 10 hectares, 60,000 bottles, of excellent and constant quality: Verdecchio di Matelica Collestefano 07: 3 red glasses, category 4\*.
- **La Monacesca**, Contrada Moncesca, Matelica, tel 073 3812602, [www.monacesca.it](http://www.monacesca.it). Constant quality Verdicchio of a wine farm with 27 hectares of vineyard producing 170,000 bottles. Their La Monacesca 07 deserve 2 red glasses, category 4\*.

### **Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi**

- **Bucci**, Fraz. Pongelli, Via Cona 30, Ostra Vetere, tel 071 964179, [www.villabucci.com](http://www.villabucci.com). Excellent and constant producer with 120,000 bottles from 26 hectares of vineyard. Verdecchio dei Castelli di Jesi Cl. Sup. 07: 2 red glasses, category 4\*. Also Rosso Piceno 2 black glasses, category 4.
- **Colonnara**, Via Mandriole 6, Cupramontana, tel 073 1780273, [www.colonnara.it](http://www.colonnara.it). Very large wine farm with 180 hectares of vineyard producing 1.2 million bottles a year. Fine Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Superiore Cuprese 07: 2 red glasses, category 4\*. Also produces Lacrima di Moro d'Alba (1 black glass, category 4).
- **Santa Barbara**, B.go Mazzini, Barbara, tel 071 9674249, [www.vinisantabarbara.it](http://www.vinisantabarbara.it). Stefano Antnucci produces 650,000 bottles on his 40 hectares wine estate. His Verdicchio Stefano Antonucci Riserva 06 gets 3 red glasses, category 4\*. Not bad either is the Verdicchio La Vaglie 07, deserving 2 red glasses, category 4\*.
- **Sartarelli**, Via Coste del Molino 24, Poggio San Marcello, tel 073 189732, [www.sartarelli.it](http://www.sartarelli.it). Medium-sized producer producing 290,000 bottles with 60 hectares, focussing completely on Castelli di Jesi. His Superiore Tralivio 06 gets 2 red glasses and a category 4\*.
- **Srapani - Frati Bianchi**, Via Barchio 12, Cupramontana, tel 073 1781216, [www.fratibianchi.it](http://www.fratibianchi.it). The Bianchi brothers produce only 35,000 bottles with 12 hectares. Their Superiore Il Priore 07 deserves 2 red glasses and is in category 4\*.
- **Vignamato**, Via Bannebbia 4, San Paolo di Jesi, tel 073 1779197, [www.vignamato.com](http://www.vignamato.com). Small producers with 1 hectare producing 55,000 bottles. Maurizio Ceci has two beautiful Verdicchio's: the Ambrosia Riserva 05 (2 glasses, category 4) and the Superiore Versiano 07 (2 glasses, category 4\*).

### **Lacrima di Morro D'Alba**

- **Piergiovanni Gius8**, Localita Montignano, Via Castellaro 97, Senigallia, tel 071 918031, [www.lacrimagiusti.it](http://www.lacrimagiusti.it). On 12.5 hectares the Giusti's produce 42,000 bottles, mainly Lacrima. The Lacrima di Morro d'Alba Rubbjano 06 deserves 2 red glasses, category 4\* and the 07 2 black glasses, category 4.
- **Stefano Mancinelli**, Via Roma 62, Morro d'Alba, tel 073 163021, [www.mancinelli-wine.com](http://www.mancinelli-wine.com). Stefano produces 150,000 bottles on 25 hectares, mainly Lacrima and Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi. His Lacrima Superiore 2006 gets 2 red glasses and is in price category 4\*, while his Verdicchio also gets 2 red glasses in category 3\*.
- **MaroF Campi**, Via San Amico 14, Morro d'Alba, tel 073 1618027, [www.maroncampi.it](http://www.maroncampi.it). Medium-sized producer producing Lacrima (Orgiolo 06: 2 red glasses, category 4\*) and Verdecchio dei Castelli di Jesi (Albiano 07: 2 black glasses, category 2\*). The final two 'regional' red wines from Le Marche - the *Vernaccia di Serrapetrona* and the *Vernaccia Rossa di Pergola* - are not listed in the Gamberi Rossi.