

BOCCADIGABBIA

For many reasons Boccadigabbia is one of the most interesting domaines 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.

Boccadigabbia produces about 3,500 bottles of “Akronte”, a Cabernet Sauvignon of remarkable complexity; 60,000 bottles of Rosso Piceno, soft, fresh and forward; 3,500 bottles of “Pix”, 100% Merlot, a very soft and aromatically complex wine; 12,000 bottles of Sangiovese Marche

“Saltapicchio”, with soft tannins and fine and elegant fragrances; 6,500 bottles of “Il Girone”, 100% Pinot Noir; 6,500 bottles of “Montalperti”, a barrel fermented Chardonnay among the best to be found in Italy; 7,500 bottles of “Le Grane” a Colli Maceratesi Ribona D.O.C (100% Maceratino, a very old local varietal); 12,000 bottles of “Garbi” (a blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Verdicchio); 3,500 bottles of “Roseo”

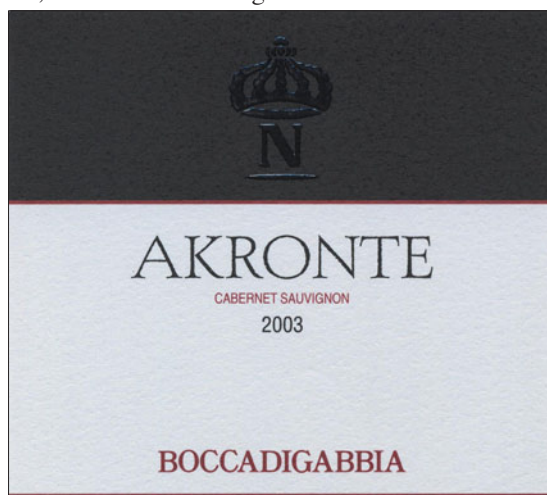
(a rosato, a blend of Sangiovese and Montepulciano).

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. ♦



Rosso Piceno

Zone: *Civitanova Marche*
 Varietal: *Montepulciano, Sangiovese*
 Vineyard Ext.: *5 hectares*
 Average Prod.: *60,000 bottles*



Akronte

Zone: *Civitanova Marche*
 Varietal: *Cabernet Sauvignon*
 Vineyard Ext.: *2.5 hectares*
 Average Prod.: *3,500 bottles*



Saltapicchio

Zone: *Civitanova Marche*
 Varietal: *Sangiovese*
 Vineyard Ext.: *1.8 hectares*
 Average Prod.: *12,000 bottles*