



CATALDI MADONNA

Abruzzo, Italy

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Cataldi Madonna produces some of Italy's greatest white wines of today and is regarded by wine experts as not only one of the top wineries in Abruzzo, but in Italy as well. Second generation winemaker, Luigi, followed in his father's footsteps and brought the estate, which was originally founded in 1920, to stardom. In 1968, the estate underwent massive modernization efforts with vineyards being replanted, building renovations, and new technical equipment installations.

The winery is situated in Ofena, a small town in Italy's Abruzzo region, at an altitude of over 300 metres above sea level. Situated at the foothills of the only Appenine glacier on Calderone in the Gran Sasso mountain range, Ofena is located in an area known as "the oven of Abruzzo". Thanks to the extraordinary solar exposure, high temperature variations, and soil characteristics the area is particularly suited for viticulture.

The vineyards presently comprise of more than 65 hectares, seven of which date back to the 1968 plantings. With a keen desire to preserve and develop the specific regional characteristics, Luigi focuses on producing top-quality wines from native grape varieties. In 2003, Luigi brought on Lorenzo Landi as a consultant to agronomist and winemaker, Raffaele Orlandini, to showcase the Alto Tirino native varieties: Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, and Pecorino. With their combined knowledge they have helped Cataldi Madonna become a top producer of these varieties, especially Pecorino.

(Montepulciano Malandrino 2021) "Violet and lavender florals give way to sugar-dusted blackberries and spice as the 2021 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Malandrino slowly blossoms in the glass. It's velvety smooth yet lively with crisp wild berry fruits energized by zesty acidity. The 2021 finishes long and staining with a coating of fine tannins that tug at the cheeks as savory spice hints remain." 91 points, Eric Guido, Vinous (August 2023)

(Pecorino Giulia 2022) "Tingling grapefruit nose with stony, chalky notes. Fresh, viscous, lemony fruit that is finely textured. Long and animating." 17 points, Walter Speller, JancisRobinson.com (March 2024)

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
White Wine					
CM0223	Pecorino 'Giulia'	2023	13.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt
Red Wine					
CM0623	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Malandrino'	2023	14.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt