

FAUSTI



In 1997, Christina Fausti, a vineyard owner in the Marche region of Italy, partnered with world-renowned winemaker Domenico d' Angelo to pioneer the development of organic viticulture. Their dream, today a reality, began with the challenge of producing a special organic blend utilizing two varietals, Montepulciano (indigenous of the Marche region) and Syrah (an international varietal), in a specific geographical location in the Marche region. The resulting wine was named "Vespro" and has become a signature wine of the Fausti portfolio.

Located in the town of Fermo, just 1.25 miles from the Adriatic coastline, the 25 acre Fausti estate is in the final stages of transitioning to fully organic growing practices. The 22.5 acres of vineyards have a high density of 2000 vines per acre. They include 5 varietals, including three different Montepulciano clones (one of which is a direct descendant of one hundred year old vines from Fermo), Syrah and Sangiovese; and 2 white varietals, Passerina and Pecorino. In 2002, a new state of the art winery was built directly next to the house and the vineyards, which uses gravity to transfer wine into the storage facility below ground where the wine is aged to perfection.

Although sparse with vineyards today, wine production in this area was of some historical significance. The coat of arms on the medieval tower overlooking the estate, and a vine with three grape clusters were recorded in historical documents. Having important historic relevance, the tower became the symbol of the winery; reigning over the vineyards, countryside, the Conero and Sibillini mountains, and the Adriatic Sea.

SYRAH

REGION: Marche

WINEMAKER: Domenico D'Angelo

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah

COLOR: Deep purple

BOUQUET: Earthy and spicy on the initial nose.

Burnt stewed fruit nose comes from underneath

TASTE: Jammy with hints of blackberry fruit and blueberry undertones. Strong tannins and some spice hidden beneath the concentrated fruit. A lingering, deep finish

AGEING: 18 months in French oak of which 50% are new

VINEYARD SIZE: 12 acres

FOOD PAIRING: Grilled meat, steaks and strong sauces

SERVING TEMP: 68° F (20° C)

