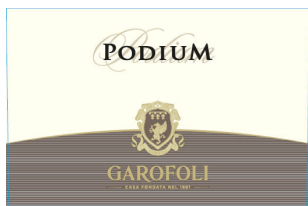


*"The Garofoli winery is most closely associated with Verdicchio. This house has mastered both red and white wine production while maintaining an exceptional level of quality, despite its annual output of two million bottles. The historic winery is located in Castelfidardo, within the Rosso Conero growing zone, which has functioned as a hub for travelers and wine export over the past five generations. Here, the estate reds and sparkling wines are produced. These wines made using Metodo Classico (méthode champenoise) have been bottled by Garofoli since 1954, proving Verdicchio's ability to excel in sparkling form. One sip of the estate 2006 Brut Gran Riserva proves they can stand the test of time. Closer to the Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi growing zone is the second winery managed by the Garofoli family, Serra de' Conti. Here, they produce the lineup of still Verdicchios. The iconic Podium focuses on purity without using oak in the aging regimen, and the oft-forgotten Riserva Serra Fiorese, made in a more international style, are worth checking out for fans of the variety." - Eric Guido*



**Garofoli "Podium" Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore DOC 2020** - The 2020 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Podium is youthfully inward and coy at first, with a dusty florality and hints of cardamom in the glass. Swirling unlocks nuances of sage and rosemary, ginger and hints of smoky cracked stones, yet its fruit, leaning toward apricot, is still quite shy. Today, this impresses more on the palate, deeply savory and mineral in style, with a herbal twang and sour melon which place it firmly into the green fruit spectrum, all brilliantly offset by a saturating salty sensation. The palate is left reeling with spicy tension; the 2020 finishes structured, leaving the cheeks puckered and the mouth watering thanks to a late-arriving bump of zesty acidity. This will take some time to show its best, but it will be time well spent. **93+**

**Garofoli "Podium" Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore DOC 2014 - Historical Re-Release.** The acidity and freshness of this recent bottle of Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Podium shows more promise for the 2014, even as its bouquet still shows more maturity and an almost-blue cheese character. I love the mineral twang through the finale. I may have underrated this a bit. **90**



**Garofoli "Serra del Conte" Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico DOC 2021** - The sweetly seductive 2021 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Serra del Conte opens with a mix of pretty white flowers, ripe peaches and candied lime. It's round in texture with a contrasting reverberation of citrus-tinged acids that are further complicated by tart orchard fruits. This leaves a staining of minerality while finishing crisp with a lingering hint of raw almond. **88**



**Garofoli "Grosso Agontano" Cònero Riserva DOCG 2019** - Pretty violet and lavender tones give way to musky blackberries and hints of cracked chalk as the 2019 Rosso Conero Riserva Agontano opens in the glass. This cool-toned beauty shows its minerality up front, as silky textures gain grip through a mix of tart, wild berry fruits and stimulating acidity. The 2019 tapers off with whip-smacking tension and grippy tannins, yet it's packed full of zesty energy. The Agontano is a 100% Montepulciano that's refined in second-pass barriques. This is a really beautiful expression of the variety, one that will need a short stay in the cellar to show its best. **92**



**Garofoli "Piancarda" Rosso Cònero DOC 2020** - The 2020 Rosso Conero Piancarda, a varietal Montepulciano, lifts from the glass with a dusty mix of dried roses, red currants and hints of nectarine that form a truly inviting bouquet. This is silky and elegant, nearly creamy in feel, yet elevated and cool-toned, with mineral-laced wild berries and a salty flourish that adds a savory sensation toward the close. The 2020 leaves a coating of fine tannins, as inner florals arch across the palate, and a caking of minerality slowly fades away. The warm vintage has imparted an extra suave character here, yet the Piancarda's structure and acidity are nicely balanced and should promote medium-term cellaring. Lose a few bottles in the cellar; you'll thank me later. **90+**



**Garofoli "Farnio" Rosso Piceno DOC 2021** - The 2021 Rosso Piceno Farnio hardly requires swirling as a blast of seductively ripe blueberries, black raspberries and nuances of sweet sage lift from the glass. It rushes the palate with juicy, textural wild berry fruits that are nicely contrasted by a core of bright acidity. This leaves a staining of ripe dark berries and minerals throughout the mouthwatering finale. The Farnio is an amazing value in its price point. It's a blend of 60% Montepulciano and 40% Sangiovese. **88**