

# PORTOVINO

## BELISARIO LE SALSE VERDICCHIO DI MATELICA

*Le Salse* or 'salt springs' are found underground throughout the town of Matelica in the central-Italian region of Le Marche. It's a great name for a wine that combines salt and mineral elements with the brisk acidity of tangerine, lemon zest and green apple.

Our friends at the high quality cooperative Belisario makes this certified organic bottling for us from their high altitude vineyards in the *Alta Elsa* valley at 450 meters.

This is a thirst-quenching wine with terroir that we're super happy to have in FUSO portfolio. It expresses the Verdicchio variety, with a tweak more of acidity from the inland high valley of the Matelica growing area.

It's probably one of the most versatile white wines not only in the FUSO lineup but in the whole PortoVino portfolio!

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**REGION:** Marche **FARMING:** Certified organic by CCPB  
**VINEYARD:** 5 - 10 Ha of various parcels in the Alta Esina Valley, near the town of Matelica  
**ALTITUDE:** 450 m / 1,475 ft **SOILS:** Loose soil composed of lime and clay  
**VARIETIES:** 100% Verdicchio with the Matelica biotype (*matelicese a grappolo serrato*)  
**VINE AGE:** 28 years old  
**VINE TRAINING:** Traditional *Doppio Capovolto* and Guyot  
**YEASTS:** Native yeasts selected from the vineyard and cellar with a pied du cuve starter  
**FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE:** 20 days of fermentation and then extended élevage in stainless steel tanks  
**ALCOHOL:** 12% **ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 2,000 - 4,000 cases (depending on year)

