

Orvieto Classico DOC 2008

### Wine Description

Orvieto Classico is one of the best known white wines from Central Italy. It boasts a long history that dates back to medieval times, when it was the favorite wine of the Papacy, and even reaches back to the time of the Etruscan, a population who inhabited the area thousands of years ago. It is a classic Italian white, made from native varieties - 40% Grechetto, 30% Trebbiano and 30% Malvasia - grown in vineyards surrounding the historic hilltop town of Orvieto. Fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve its hallmark freshness, the wine is refined in tanks and in bottle for a few months before release.

### Tasting Notes

Pale yellow in color with an elegant and intense perfume of Mediterranean flowers. Fresh on the palate with a full, rich taste of roasted almonds. Recommended with a variety of seafood dishes but structured enough to accompany hot starters, cured meats, pasta, omelets and even delicately roasted white meats.

### Vineyard Characteristics

Production area/name of vineyard:	Various vineyards around Orvieto
Size of vineyard (acres):	247
Soil composition:	volcanic
Training method:	Spur pruned cordon
Elevation (feet):	820
Vines/acre:	1,214
Exposure:	Varied
Year vineyard planted:	1982
Agonomist/Vineyard manager:	Odoardo Gialetti

### Winemaking & Aging

Varietal composition:	40% Grechetto, 30% Procanico and 30% Malvasia
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	1979
Number bottles produced of this wine:	160.000

### Fermentation

Fermentation container:	stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation (days):	4-6
Fermentation temperature (°F):	60-64

### Aging

Aging container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of aging before bottling:	3-4 months
Length of bottle aging:	3 months

### Analytical data

Alcohol:	11.5%
pH level:	3.3
Residual sugar (grams/liter):	0
Acidity (grams/liter):	6
Dry extract (grams/liter):	20.2



### Producer Profile

**Owned by:** The Gialletti family and Riccardo Cotarella

**Winemaker:** Riccardo Cotarella

**Total acreage under vine:** 290

**Estate founded:** 1988

**Winery production total:** 550,000

**Region:** Umbria

**Country:** Italy



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