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Adanti

Domenico Adanti really believed in Sagrantino's worth and potential and was the first to push the area's wines in a modern commercial sense (after all, he was one of the first three producers of Sagrantino wine after Enopolo and Tardioli). And so it is that the Adanti farm is one of the historic cellars of the Montefalco area, a particular subregion of the denomination that is known as Arquata. Arquata is characterized by lower pH soils, and wines that, not surprisingly, have a brighter acid bite and are more politely styled and graceful on the palate than most other Sagrantino wines. In fact, the estate and its production zone are also much-admired for their lighter-styled Montefalco Rosso. The estate is now owned and run by Donatella and Daniela Adanti: it's forty hectares large, of which about thirty are under vine and the remaining ten hectares grow olive trees. Just about any wine you'll taste from Adanti, be it the whites, the classically dry reds, or the sweet Passito, will be at the top of the quality heap. I have said and written this before, and nothing has happened to since change my mind: simply put, for my money and my taste buds, Adanti is one of the three best estates in all Montefalco and their wines are not just gems but benchmarks of the denomination. In fact, if you really pinned my back to the wall and forced me to pick one Montefalco estate only, the wines of which I'd want on a desert island, well...it's this one. Montefalco wines just don't get any better than Adanti's, and their range of wines is, at least for my money, the best of the denomination.

Adanti 2021 Montefalco Grechetto 89

Bright pale yellow. Subtle citrus fruits and herbs on the fresh, lively nose. Juicy and vibrant in the mouth, showing a ripe quality to its fruit flavours but also plenty of framing energy. Hints of peach and of ginger display good depth and a spicy edge. Closes nicely dry and stony. Very easy-going wine brimming with early appeal ideal for uncomplicated drinking; inexpensive and good as a wine by the glass number. Drinking window: now-2023.

Adanti 2016 Montefalco Rosso 91

Lively ruby-red colour. Strawberry, red cherry and violet on the nose complemented by tobacco and licorice. Then similar flavours to the aromas, with polished tannins providing support on the long back end. This refined entry-level wine has a lot more stuffing than one would expect at this price point; lovely 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino, 5% Barbera, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot made from grapes grown at about 230 meters above sea level in and around the area of Bevagna. Drinking window: now-2024.

Adanti 2015 Montefalco Rosso Riserva 91+

Good full ruby. Black- and redcurrant aromas on the nose are spiced up by licorice and cocoa. Enters fairly sweet and plush, with dark plum, truffle and mineral flavours enlivened by harmonious citrusy acidity. Very complex Rosso Riserva and lighter on its feet than most, in the typical, elegant Adanti wine style. A 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino, and 15% Merlot blend aged for about thirty months in oak barrels. Drinking window: now-2025.

Adanti 2014 Montefalco Sagrantino 92

Fully saturated ruby. Brooding but vibrant aromas of blackberry, plum, licorice, graphite and herbs. Densely packed, seamless and intense, with deep flavours of blackberry, juniper berries, candied violet and bitter chocolate nicely lifted by an obvious herbal component. Displays excellent life and length on the vibrant aftertaste. Made from two vineyard plots in Bevagna (one plot in the subregion of Arquata facing north-west on clay-calcareous soil at about 360 meters above sea level and one in Colcimino, west-facing on clay-sandy-calcareous soil at about 250 meters above sea level), and a plot in Montefalco (in the subregion of Campoletame, southeast-facing on clay-sandy-calcareous soil at about 250 meters above sea level). Drinking window: now-2028.

Adanti 2009 Montefalco Sagrantino Il Domenico 93

Ok, now we're talkin'! This big boy is hitting on all cylinders right now: Moderately saturated ruby-red, offering an open-knit in your face nose of blackberry, cassis, licorice, violet and cocoa complicated by hints of potpourri. Layered and thick but fresh, with a firm acid spine providing the fine-grained, generous texture and ripe fruit and herbal flavours more than adequate support. Finishes with noteworthy chewy tannins but polished and impressive length. Drinking window: now-2030.

Adanti 2015 Montefalco Sagrantino Passito 94

Deep red-ruby. Deep, brooding nose combines exotic orange oil, red cherry and milk chocolate; perfumed but quite fine. Then at once opulent and silky, with harmonious acidity neatly underscoring the purity of the red fruit, mocha and nutmeg flavours. This seemed to grow thicker after a minute or two in the glass, with an inviting saline soil character adding further complexity and building on the long suave finish. Drinking window: now-2035.

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