

Elena Fucci

Verha White Basilicata IGT

2023

Tech Specs

Type:	White Wine
Ingredients:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Region/Subregion:	Basilicata, Vulture, Barile, Basilicata IGT
Sustainable?	Yes
ABV:	13%
Sizes Available:	750ml
A closer look...	
Total Production:	10,000
Soil:	Volcanic sandy soil with layer of clay in between.
Age of Vines:	1995
Vineyard Size:	2 hectares, one single vineyard named "Bartella", south exposure
Climate:	Continental fresh, low rain but snow during winter and windy conditions
Farming Methods:	Manual harvesting
Fermentation Methods:	After manually removing the stems, the grapes undergo a gentle crushing and alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tanks using their own native yeast (pied de cuve). Before the fermentation starts, the grapes undergo a skin contact maceration for 4-6 hours at a lower temperature to extract the fruity aromatic compounds.
Winemaker:	Elena Fucci
Elevage:	6 months in steel and 3 months in bottle
Fining/Filtration:	No Cold Filtration Leveraging Steel Precipitation
Residual Sugars:	0.21
Acidity:	6.89
SO2:	0.41

All about this bottle

The Verha project was launched in 2022 with the aim of producing younger, ready-to-drink wines that capture the essence of the Vulture terroir. The project holds social significance, as the grapes used to make the wines are sourced from winegrowers in Barile, the same community to which Elena Fucci belongs. Prior to the pandemic period, the local winegrowers would trade their grapes with the larger wineries in the area, producing "garagiste-style" wines. When this trade arrangement faltered, Elena and the winegrowers decided to use the grapes to make Verha wines, in order to support the community and prevent its desertion. The name "Verha" means "wine" in the Arbëreshë language, which is spoken by the Albanian minority residing in Barile since the 15th century. The wine itself presents a sweetly scented blend of white flowers, chamomile, and mint. On the palate, it is soft and supple, with ripe orchard fruits and subtle mineral tones. The finish is crisp and refreshing, with a medium length and a hint of raw almond.

Dry farming, green manure, manual labor
4 grapes by Bibenda - 4 vines by Ais

