



# PORTOVINO

GROOVY ITALIAN WINES

## ANTICA MASSERIA VENDITTI

*Falanghina 'Vàndari'*

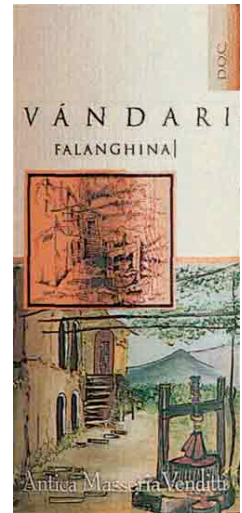
### WHY BE CURIOUS?

First certified organic producer of Campania is tilling the soil and saving native grapes. Nicola Venditti eschews oak and kneels at the altar of steel; letting these wines really show their clean and distinct fruit. Considered one of the best in Italy, his Falanghina has the mineral and salty notes of *campi Flegrei* but with more generous fruit and texture.

### PRODUCER:

Back in 1988, the Italian wine guide Gambero Rosso introduced the word organic for the first time with its review of Venditti's wines. For over 20 years, he has believed in tilling the soil and being certified organic. Those who still believe that "organic" equals "non-scientific" should think again. Nicola is an enologist and the very incarnation of a contadino (farmer). The vineyards have been in the family for over 400 years (thus the 'antica' part of Antica Masseria). The area remains less well known than the neighboring Taurasi or Avellino, but, in certain areas of DOC, it is a real forgotten gem and offers great value.

His cantina is clean and he gladly whistles out PH and acid levels for those inclined. This humanist-techno-geek approach, he explains, is a combination of the "humanity" of ancient methods and local varieties, together with the "rationality" offered by technology.



### DETAILS:

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**Region:** Campania

**Farming:** Certified Organic

**Varieties:** 100% Falanghina.

**Tasting Notes:** Green apple and lemon with cream; engaging with a texture that's very energetic and tightly knit, leading to a long finish; medium bodied.

#### **Vineyard:**

Soil: Tufa and sand

Altitude: 140 - 150 meters

Land feature: Low-lying hills

Vine age: 30 - 40 years

**Vinification:** Native yeasts. Hand picked under the cool of night. Fermented in steel. Light filtration and finished in bottle until ready.

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### AWARDS, PRESS & CERTIFICATIONS:

Slow Wine special "*Snail Award*" for outstanding producer - 2011

Falanghina Felix Award Winner "*1st Place*" out of 200 Falanghinas - 2009

Wine and Spirits Magazine *88pts* - 2010