Wonderful World of Wine

November 2026
The Two-Rouge Club

2023 Villa Papiano Papesse, Sangiovese

Growing Region	Modigliana, Romagna, Italy
Varietal Composition	95% Sangiovese, 5% Uva Rara
Fermentation	Stainless Steel Tanks
Alcohol Content	13%
Suggested Retail	~~$36.00~~
WineSellar Club Price	**$30.59**

Broad Strokes: **91 Points, The Wine Enthusiast**

From the Winery:

Villa Papiano is a captivating estate nestled amidst the pristine, densely forested hills of Italy's Modigliana in Romagna. At 1,900 feet above sea level, its organically farmed vineyards thrive on ancient sandstone soils, yielding wines that are both savory and vibrant.

Francesco Bordini is one of four siblings involved in the winery, but he's the genius behind the brand's success. Francesco embodies a deep understanding of each grape variety he's chosen for his family's property. With profound respect for the environment, he crafts Sangiovese wines (mostly) that are expressions of their unique parcels within the estate.

At Villa Papiano, amidst the interplay of height, light, and soil, these wines are a testament to the harmony between humanity and nature, Villa Papiano embraces artisanal and biodynamic methods that prioritize observation, attention to detail, and a deep connection with the land.

Appearance:

Very cool artwork on the label reminds us of vines and flowers in an abstract theme. The wine is a vibrant red apple skin color, with a youthful looking clear rime and deep red at the center.

Nose:

Red and dark flowers, like roses and perhaps violets. Darker ripe fruits of plum and blackberry, tree bark, autumn leaves and some earth notes are intriguing . . . and SO Sangiovese!

Texture:

Medium to medium full in weight. It feels rich and full probably more than it really is due to the very expressive and lengthy fruit. Velvet-like feel mid palate and a lovely finish.

Flavor:

Beautiful savory red fruits with charming notes of balsamic. A touch of smoke hovers over fresh herbs, white pepper, and dark soil earthy notes. Noticed touches of fresh strapped leather, toasted chestnuts and a snap of cherry to finish it off.

Serving Suggestions

Pasta with tomato sauce, grilled pork, cheeses/charcuterie.