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2021 Ascheri Verduno Pelaverga Gusto della Solidarietà

Here's a fun new surprise from Matteo Ascheri. Packaged with an electric blue label, the Ascheri 2021 Verduno Pelaverga Gusto della Solidarietà highlights one of the most offbeat and underappreciated grapes in northern Italy. It's a personal favorite of mine. Pelaverga makes lightweight reds that are always characterized by a lifted note of crushed white pepper. In this case, that distinctive peppery note is fleshed out by pomegranate and sweet cassis. Ten percent of the proceeds of sales of this 3,500-bottle production go to Matteo's charity of choice: the Volontariato Vincenziano.

- Monica Lerner (June, 2022)

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