

Cavata delle Zitelle, December 6,7 and 8

The day of the maidens is an event unique in its genre that originated in 1702 when, thanks to the will of the reverend Anton Giacomo Agabiti, they began to put the fruits of a terrain for the dowry for a young woman "di sani principi morali e da maritarsi" ("of good moral principles and to be married"), chosen each year with a draw. Aged between eighteen and twenty-eight years, the woman was drawn from among the poor girls of the town.

The money dowry is still given to two drawn women, resident in the municipality and who did the request: then, as the will wants, is delivered after nine months from the date of the marriage.

Verdicchio in Versi

It is a poetry award of interregional valence. Competitors may participate with a poem in Italian or vernacular language, having as its argument the typical wine of the Marche region, and not exceeding the forty verses.

A section of the competition is dedicated to the exchange between regions. Each region may present a poetic "skirmish" between its product and the typical Verdicchio, a "singolar debate" full of flavor. In the end the winners will exchange a demijohn with their products.