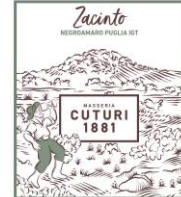




Masseria Cuturi “Zacinto” Negroamaro Puglia IGT

Winery: Masseria Cuturi
Category: Wine – Still – Red
Grape Variety: Negroamaro
Region: / Puglia/ Italy
Vineyard: Estate
Winery established: 1881
Feature: Certified organic



Product Information

Soil: Clay and sand

Elevation: 80 meters (260 feet)

Age of vines: planted in 2008

Vinification: Hand harvest in September with careful selection of the grapes. Maceration for 7 days in steel vats at controlled temperature of 22-28C, necessary to extract aromas, tannins and flavors from pulp and skins. Alcoholic fermentation follows in the same vats. Aged for 3 months in steel vats.

Yield: 4,500 plants/hectare

Tasting Note: Deep ruby red color with violet reflections. On the nose the wine is fragrant and fruity with fresh notes of wild cherries, prune, violets and minerality. On the palate the wine is round and persistent with elegant tannins and energetic freshness that balance warmth and softness that it characterizes.

Zacinto – one of the farmers in Masseria Cuturi, who was madly in love with the grape variety Negroamaro. He secretly made batches of the wine for himself and was hiding them. His legend lives on.

Alc: 14.0 % vol.

RS: 4 G/L

Producer Information

In 1881, the Countess Sabini brought as her dowry "barbatelle" cuttings of Primitivo when she married Don Tommaso. They planted the first primitivo vineyard in Manduria and began the story of this land as a treasured site for the grape. Named by Pliny as "the town full of vines," Manduria was highly important among the 12 city-states of the ancient Messapian Dodecapolis. Masseria Cuturi is a magical location, not only for organically farmed local grapes, but for woodlands, 500-year-old olive trees, elegant 18th century farm structures, megalithic walls and other ancient archaeological relics. Acquired by the Rossi Chauvenet family in 2008, the property includes 40 hectares of vineyards, 80 hectares of olives groves, and over 100 hectares of wild herbs.

Enthusiasm for each monovarietal bottling is embodied by the characters on the labels. Tumà, nickname for Don Tommaso, is the face of the Primitivo. Farmer Zacinto favored the Negroamaro, so much that he hid away barrels for his own secret stash.

The Segreto di Bianca, an aromatic, salty Fiano (Minutolo), is named for the Countess herself.

Camilla Rossi Chauvenet is known for making lifted, elegant wines in Veneto, where she is known as a pioneer of innovative organic viticulture. Here in partnership with winemaker Valentino Ciarla, as always, the vision of winemakers is only one thread.

The wines are also born of an extraordinary soil, cretaceous limestone under layers of iron-rich quaternary deposits. They're born of the warmth of the Mediterranean sun, in conversation with the two prevailing winds, the strength of the mistral and the glamour of the scirocco. Culture itself as terroir: how a simple bottle can lead us back from the sun on last year's vines, to this exact location as the cradle of modern Primitivo, itself the heir to the historic "merum" of Puglia, beloved in an ancient world.