

VIGNETI DEL SALENTO

Vigneti del Salento, `Zolla` Primitivo di Manduria 2015

PRODUCER

This is the new solo venture in Puglia of the Farnese group (responsible for Gran Sasso, Zabu, Vesevo, Tufarello and others). The wines are made at two wineries in the province of Taranto on the western flank of Salento. The style of the wines - fresh whites, soft and generous reds - will be familiar to those who buy their other wines, as winemaker Filippo Baccalaro is the driving force behind this label.

Filippo, a native of Piemonte, has been working in Puglia for almost two decades. He was attracted by the rich, ripe flavours of the fruit, and the ability to capture these flavours with minimal use of technology and a lot of know-how. Filippo has the latter, as is illustrated by these wines.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are mostly situated in the communes of Manduria and Sava and are owned by growers with whom Filippo has been working for many years. Production is lower than its potential, which ensures the best quality grapes are selected. The red soils are calcereous clay and rich in iron, minerals and nutrients. 80% of the grapes come from old bush vines and the rest from trained vines that are at least 20 years old.

VINTAGE

2015 was a great harvest in Puglia and the grapes reached excellent ripeness. Summer was sunny, dry and warm with many days in the mid to upper 30°Cs. Grape set was light, and the beautiful hot weather resulted in the earliest harvest on record. All vineyards gave healthy and fully ripe fruit.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were gently pressed and cooled to 10°C for a maceration period of 10-12 days with regular pumping over. Yeasts were added to start fermentation, which took place under temperature controlled conditions of up to 20 °C. The wine was then transferred to second and third passage oak barriques for six to eight months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red colour with violet tones. Intense and complex perfumes of red cherries and blackberries, with some spice and leather which follow on to the palate. This wine has a rich and velvety texture, generous tannins and great length.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Puglia
Grape Varieties	100% Primitivo
Winemaker	Filippo Baccalaro
Closure	DIAM Cork
ABV	14%
Bottle Sizes	75cl