`Zolla` Salice Salentino 2017

Puglia, Italy



Grape Varieties	**80% Negroamaro** **20% Malvasia Nera**
Winemaker	**Dennis Verdecchia**
Closure	**Synthetic Cork**
ABV	**13.5%**
Residual Sugar	**8.9g/L**
Acidity	**5.67g/L**
Wine pH	**3.57**
Bottle Sizes	**75cl**
Notes	**Vegetarian, Vegan**

PRODUCER

Vigneti del Salento, is part of the Fantini group, founded by Valentino Sciotti in 1994 to produce top-quality wine from Abruzzo and (later) southern Italy as a whole. These Puglian wines are made at two wineries in the province of Taranto, on the western flank of Salento, by resident winemaker Danilo Gizzi and consultant winemaker Filippo Baccalaro. Filippo, a native of Piemonte, has been working in Puglia for almost two decades. He was originally attracted to the region by the rich, ripe flavours of the grapes that grow there. Filippo consistently aims to capture these flavours with minimal use of technology but a lot of know-how. The resulting wines are expressive of their site yet also carry the style of Fantini's other exceptional 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 calcerous 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

The 2017 vintage saw a cold and snowy winter, which was then followed by a hot and dry spring and summer. This weather favoured the red varieties and produced excellent red wines.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were gently pressed and cooled to 10°C for a maceration period of 8-10 days, with regular pumping over. Fermentation took place at a controlled temperature of 20°C. Malolactic fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks. The wine was then transferred to second and third passage oak barriques for 8-10 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ruby red in colour. On the nose, it has intense aromas of cherry, plum and pomegranate with sweet spice and Mediterranean herbs. This wine has good structure with supple fruit on the palate and bright acidity on the finish.