

Vigneti del Salento,
`Zolla` Primitivo di Manduria 2022
 Puglia, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Primitivo
Winemaker	Danilo Gizzi
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	15%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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 grapes for `Zolla` are sourced from vineyards situated at altitudes of 70 to 100 metres above sea level, between the communes of Manduria and Sava. The 'alberello' bush vines are over 30 years old and low yielding, thus produce berries that display intense aromas and flavours. Soils are red calcareous clay, rich in iron, minerals and nutrients. The region's proximity to the Ionian Sea, coupled with the warm Mediterranean climate, is hugely beneficial to the production of Primitivo and gives the wines its unique aromatic character.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season in Puglia saw prolonged heat and a lack of rainfall through spring and summer. However, the vine health was excellent throughout the region.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were gently pressed and cooled to 10°C for a maceration period of 8-10 days, with regular pumping over. Yeasts were added to start alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks, which took place at controlled temperatures. The wine was then aged in second and third use oak barriques for six to eight months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ruby red in colour with a violet hue. It has intense aromas of red cherries, blackberries and hints of spice and leather. These aromas follow through on to the palate, which is rich and velvety with generous tannins and great length.