



Alcohol: 14.5%

## VIGNE VECCHIE LEGGENDA Primitivo di Manduria DOP

## VIGNETI DEL SALENTO

Vigneti del Salento is located in Puglia and is part of the Fantini group.

Puglia, known as the heel of the boot of Italy, is an traditional wine growing regiona dating back to the ancient Greeks. It is a very hot region cooled by nighttime maritime breezes. Vigneti del Salento has a special arrangement with the many growers in this region. The winemaking team carefully selects the best portions of each vineyard depending on clones, position in the vineyard and age of vines. The vineyards are small and family owned where harvest is done by hand and is relatively quick therefore they can afford to wait for the optimum time to harvest.

## WINEMAKING

This wine is 100% Primitivo de Manduria, the most representative variety from Puglia. The grapes are carefully selected from low yielding bush vines of over 70 years old which are grown in a red soil rich in iron oxides upon a layer of calcareous rock. The combination of these elements creates a wine that can enrich the tasting experience beyond the most ambitious expectations. The grapes are left slightly longer on the vine and are then hand harvested, de-steemed and crushed. Maceration are controlled temperatures takes place for 10 - 12 days with regular pumping over to ensure extraction of color and aromas. Alcohol and malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks and the finished wine is then transferred to American and French oak barrels where it will be refined for 12 months.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine is red ruby in color with a purple rim. On the nose an intense bouquet with hints of cherries and blackberries, mint tobacco and slightly spicy. The spicy flavor gives this wine a sweet note on the palate, finishing with notes of coconut and coffee. A persistent wine which will continue to evolve for the next ten years.

The perfect match with meat dishes, especially game, and mature cheese.

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