



Masseria Altemura

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Appellation:

Primitivo di Manduria DOC

Area:

Manduria, Puglia

Varietal:

100% Primitivo di Manduria

Tasting descriptors:

The 2011 vintage has a dark ruby-red color with violet hues. The nose shows complex aromas of wild berries, forest floor, cloves with peppery notes. The palate is soft, with good tannins and velvety sensations that recall mature dark berries, jam with hints of baking spice, liquorice and a long finish.

Wine analysis:

Total acid: 5,53 g/L

Final pH: 3,59

Residual sugar: 4,4 g/L

Alcohol: 14,5% by volume

• V I N T A G E •

2011 was a unique vintage compared with years past mainly because of the ample winter rainfall which was polarized by remarkably high temperatures in the spring. The summer was characterized by particularly cool nights for this climate, approximately 59°F, while during the day temperatures reached 86°-95°F. The vintage was dry and devoid of almost any rain, with the exception of a brief wet spell in mid August, which assisted in the development of the vines. Therefore, the Primitivo di Manduria grapes are more elegant with greater acidity enabling longer bottle aging.

• V I N E Y A R D S •

The vineyards are 230 ft. above sea level, located in Salento in the heart of the Puglia region, between the Ionian and Adriatic Sea. The soil is a mixture of clay and chalky gravel and the climate is Maritime, which is characterized by warm days, cool nights and northerly winds. Vineyard temperatures range on average from 48°F in the winter and 80°F in the summer. Our Primitivo di Manduria grapes are trained following the Guyot method.

• W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S •

The grapes matured on the vine until October before being harvested, hand selected and delicately pressed. The must obtained underwent fermentation for 21 days at the temperature range of 77-82°F. When vinification was completed, the wine aged for 14 months in 350-liter French tonneau, followed by a further period of aging in bottle before being released.

"Masseria Altemura offers elegant wines that embrace the traditions and terroir of Salento, a land between two seas".

Winemaker - Antonio Cavallo



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