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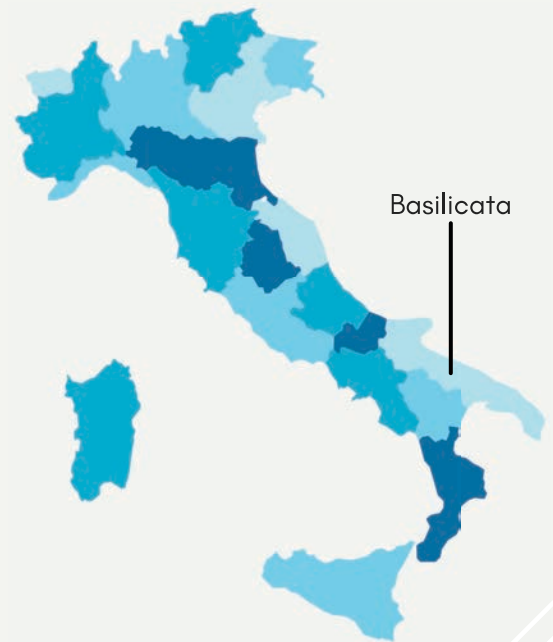


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Wine production in Basilicata: 178,000 hl of which 42% is DOP wines 30% is IGP wines, 90% are red and rosé wines and 10% are white wines.

Designations of origin for wine in Basilicata: 1 DOCG, 4 DOC, 1 IGT.



REGION: BASILICATA

The first wine region we meet is Basilicata, a small region, mainly mountainous and hilly. Here the climate is mainly continental with typically Mediterranean characteristics, warm and dry, both in the coastal areas and in the inland areas of the Matera hills. These reliefs degrade into hills that are particularly suited to the cultivation of vines, especially at the foot of the Vulture.

The Vulture area, in the north-eastern part of the region, is particularly voted for the cultivation of Aglianico del Vulture. The vineyards near the extinct volcano are rich in potassium, which gives the wines freshness, flavor, and minerality. During summers, which are usually dry, the porosity of the tuff ensures the vines an adequate supply of moisture, thanks to the water accumulated in the winter months.



WINERY: BASILISCO

BASILISCO WAS FOUNDED IN 1992 AND ACQUIRED BY FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO IN 2010.

In 2011 Feudi decided to start a project to restore the ancient tuff stone caves in the “Shesh”, the historic Park of cellars of Barile to add value to this unique viticulture area.

The acquisition of Basilisco with its beautiful tuff stone cellars and its vineyards in the most vocationed location accomplished the plan and gave birth to a space of astonishing beauty in the historical heart of the Aglianico del Vulture production.

Viviana Malafarina is the “face and the soul” of Basilisco: she manages all the aspects of the winery and work with huge passion in the cellar guided by Pierpaolo Sirch who is also responsible for the vineyards.

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The winery Basilisco is in Via delle Cantine, in a XVIth century renaissance palace. The areas of vinification and storage are inside the fascinating caves. In the XVth century, several groups of Albanian refugees escaped from Turkish pressure, settled down in some areas of Southern Italy creating proper enclaves which are still existing. In Barile there are dozens of caves in the tuff stone, characterizing its landscape, have been dig by the colonists as a shelter. Many tunnels twist and turn inside the tuff stone underneath the village. The caves facing North have a stable 16-18 °C degrees temperature, therefore are ideal as storage and they have always been used for processing and preserving oil and wine. The Historical vine training system is called “CAPANNO” - (small 2/3 cane “tent”).

As in the old days, in the 8 caves of Basilisco, Aglianico del Vulture is vinified and set to rest inside the silent meander of the volcano. Basilisco has 20 hectares vinified completely organic, with a non-intrusive philosophy allowing plants and soil to reach their natural balance reducing to the minimum the human impact. Tuff stone and flyschand the diurnal temperature range, enriches wines with unmistakable characteristics of freshness and minerality. The Vineyards are suited in Barile’s area between 450 and 600 m asl facing SE.



AGLIANICO TAURASI VS AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE

The name Aglianico derives from the Greek word Hellenic. The vine, together with Nebbiolo and Sangiovese, is one of the best Italian red grape varieties and is also one of the oldest grape varieties, present in Italy since the times of the Roman Empire. Aglianico is a thick skin red grape that gives the best results in volcanic soils with natural acidity and high tannins. There are 3 Biotypes: Vulture (Basilicata): higher minerality, lower sugar. Taburno(Campania): higher acidity, ripens sooner, higher sugar. Taurasi (Campania): altitude and Diurnal shift/ day-night temperature differences.

Mount Vulture is an extinct Volcano in Basilicata which is home to AGLIANICO DOC and DOCG production. Mount Vulture can be divided into 3 subzones, each one of them with Townships and Contrade, like Mount Etna.

Upper Vulture townships:

Barile (620m asl): epicenter of the Aglianico production.

Rionero in Vulture (600m asl): wine-style similar to Barile. Flinty-mineral connotation

Rapolla(447m asl): broader and softer wines, herbal and aromatics notes.

Aglianico del Vulture and Taurasi both have aromas that recall aromas of blackberries, plums, black cherries, and violets, characteristic aromas of the Aglianico grape. The palate is enhanced by the softness of the wines given by the aging in cask: Taurasi wine offers a slight acidity, while Aglianico del Vulture offers a more astringent structure. Both wines have pleasantly persistent flavors and aromas, and are excellent for pairing with savory meats, aged cheeses and spicy dishes.



REGION: CALABRIA



The second region we meet is Calabria, bathed by the clear waters of the Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas, separated from Sicily by the Strait of Messina. Calabria is a region rich in history and traditions, with a vast cultural heritage. With about 10,000 hectares of vineyards, Calabria is the fifteenth Italian region for surface planted with vines, for an extension of pear vineyards to that of the province of Trento alone, which represents 1.62% of the national wine heritage. Wine production in Calabria: 8,989,000 hl of which DOP wines 43% IGP wines 34%, red and rosé wines 80%, white wines 20%. Designations of origin for wine in Calabria: 9 DOC, 10 IGT.

The ancient Greeks knew Calabria as Enotria, "Land of wine." The first documents on viticulture in the region date back to around the year 1000. Calabria is a region particularly rich in native vines. In Calabria mainly black grape varieties are cultivated, among which the most famous and widespread is the Gaglioppo, followed by the Magliocco canino, the Nerello Mascalese, the Nerello Cappuccio and the Greco Nero. It is among the most cultivated vines in the region. The black grape varieties represent about 80% of the total production. The Calabrian white grape varieties are Greco Bianco, Trebbiano Toscano, Montonico and Guernaccia.

WINERY: STATTI

THE WINERY

For over two thousand years, the agricultural history of Calabria has been intertwined with that of wine, and since 1700 the family of the Barons Statti has lived on the same five hundred hectares. The great variety of native vines represents for Statti a great heritage to be rediscovered and enhanced. The vineyards cover an area of 100 hectares, close to the hill that protects it from the winds coming from the sea.

The plants are espalier, and the training technique is the classic one of the spurred cordon. The sixths are such as to allow the mechanization of almost all the processes and the vineyard is fertilized, in part, with the manure coming from the farm.

The yields of grapes per hectare are deliberately not high, also thanks to the use of green pruning. The harvest occurs from the end of August / first ten days of September until late October, starting with the international white and red grapes and ending with the native vines.

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Greco: The Greco grape is very recognizable due to its extremely opulent appearance and bright yellow berries. The wine's typical aromas and flavors include yellow flowers, honey, peach, pear and ripe tropical fruit; enjoyable when young.

Mantonico: Mantonico is a naturally tannic white grape variety that is very versatile, making either dry wines or sweet wines. This varietal is both highly acidity and tannic, and not viewed as aromatic.

Gaglioppo: Gaglioppo's name is derived from a Greek word meaning "beautiful foot," because the bunches are pink, plump and very appealing. Gaglioppo is an ancient red grape varietal that produces wines that are full bodied, high in alcohol and tannins, and quite ageworthy.



REGION: SICILY

Last but not least, the Sicily region, a territory rich in history, art and culture, and a part with deep and ancient winemaking traditions. The vineyard area is among the most important in Italy, about 107,000 hectares.

We will see the Etna DOC area, and it was the first DOC to be created in Sicily, in August 1968. The land in the area starts from sea level and reaches more than 1200 meters. The vineyards of Etna are today among the highest in Italy and in the world, alongside only those of Alto Adige. Etna wine producers are experimenting with sites located on the slopes of the volcano located at the highest possible altitudes, to evaluate the effects on the production of the blackest and most lava-rich soils.



WINERY: GIOVANNI ROSSO ETNA



THE PROJECT WAS OFFICIALLY BORN IN MAY 2016 WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE ETNA ESTATE IN THE SOLICCHIATA DISTRICT OF CASTIGLIONE DI SICILIA.

The company is located a few kilometers before Passopisciaro at the foot of Montedolce, a small extinct crater that gives its name to the contrada. This is the north-east side of the volcano, an area particularly suited to produce red wines. The new possessions extend for fourteen hectares in a single plot; now the area occupied by the vineyards is just over six and a half hectares, 1.2ha with white grapes and 5.5ha with black grapes, the first Carricante, the second Nerello Mascalese, with small percentages of other native varieties (such as the local tradition wants). The type of plant has been renamed "candlestick"; it is small trees with an average age of forty developed two-dimensionally to give life to rows; the average altitude is 750m asl. The soil is lava and sand, and it is farmed biologically all these components give to the wine great style and elegance.

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Carricante: Carricante is an ancient white grape variety indigenous to Sicily. This late-ripening white variety is commonly blended with Catarratto, but as a varietal wine, it produces a fresh, lightly fragrant wine with marked acidity. Like Chardonnay, Carricante is often subject to malolactic fermentation. The word Carricante comes from the Italian "caricare" meaning to "load up," referring to the grape's heavy yields and to when grapes were carried on a cart pulled by donkeys down the steep slopes of Mt. Etna.

Nerello Mascalese: Nerello Mascalese is a dark, thick skinned grape varietal that mostly grows on the volcanic slopes of Mount Etna. The characteristics are medium to small oval grapes of light blue color. The varietal is actually part of the extended Sangiovese family.

Nerello Cappuccio: Nerello Cappuccio is a dark-skinned grape variety that takes the name "cappuccio" from the appearance of the vine having a thick crown or cap that hides the grapes from view. Nerello Cappuccio produces a soft wine with intense color, with cherry flavors on the palate that can reach high acidity levels and boisterous tannins.

WINERY	WINE	VTG	90+ SCORES
Acinum	Amarone	2016	91 WE
Baricci	Brunello di Montalcino	2016	95 VM, 97 WS, 95 WE
Baricci	Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Nello	2015	96 VM, 97 WS
Basilisco	Aglianico del Vulture Superiore	2013	93 VM
Basilisco	Sophia Vino Bianco	2019	92 VM
Basilisco	Teodosio Aglianico	2017	91 VM
Brogli	Timorasso	2018	91 WA, 90 WE, 91 JS
Brogli	Gavi Vecchia Annata	2010	92 WA, 91 WE
Brogli	Gavi La Meirana	2020	91 JS
Brogli	Bruno Brogli Gavi	2016	92 JS
Camigliano	Poderuccio	2018	91 JS
Camigliano	Poderuccio	2019	90 JS
Camigliano	Rosso di Montalcino	2018	90 VM
Camigliano	Rosso di Montalcino	2019	90 JS
Camigliano	Brunello di Montalcino	2015	94 JS, 94 WA, 91 VM, 93 WS
Camigliano	Brunello di Montalcino	2016	91 WE, 93 WA, 92 WS
Camigliano	Brunello Paesaggio Inatteso	2016	94 WS, 95 WE, 93 VM, 96 JS, 94+ WA
Camigliano	Brunello Paesaggio Inatteso	2015	95 JS, 95 WA, 92 VM, 93 WS, 90 WE
Camigliano	Gualto Riserva	2015	97 WS
Campo alle Comete	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	90 WE
Campo alle Comete	Bolgheri Superiore DOC	2015	94 WS
Campo alle Comete	Vermentino	2020	90 JS
Castello dei Rampolla	Trebianco Santa Lucia	2019	91 WE, 91+ WA, 93 JS
Castello dei Rampolla	Chianti Classico	2018	94 WE, 94 W&S, 92 WA, 93 JS, 92 WS
Castello dei Rampolla	Merlot Liu	2018	93 WS, 94 WA, 94 VM
Castello dei Rampolla	Sammarco	2017	95 WA, 95 VM, 98 JS, 95 WS
Castello dei Rampolla	D'Alceo	2015	95 JS, 97 VM, 91 WA, 94 WE, 96 WS
Castello dei Rampolla	D'Alceo	2016	97 JS, 97 VM, 96 WA, 96 WE, 97 WS
Cataldi Madonna	Montepulciano Malandrino	2018	92 VM
Cataldi Madonna	Montepulciano Abruzzo Toni	2015	92 VM, 93 WA, 92 VM
Colosi	Salina Rosso	2018	90 VM
Colpetrone	Rosso di Montefalco	2015	92 JS, 92 VM
Colpetrone	Sagrantino di Montefalco	2012	90 JS
Davide Fregonese	Barolo Cerretta	2014	90 WA, 92 WS
Davide Fregonese	Barolo Cerretta	2016	94 JS
Davide Fregonese	Barolo Prapo	2014	91, WA, 93 WS
Davide Fregonese	Barolo Prapo	2016	92 JS
Davide Fregonese	Barolo Prapo	2017	95 WE
Fattoria del Cerro	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano (Silineo)	2017	92 JS
Fattoria del Cerro	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva	2015	92 JS
Fattoria del Cerro	Manero Rosso	2020	90 JS
Feudi del Pisciotto	Baglio del Sole Nero d'Avola	2018	92 JS
Feudi del Pisciotto	Cerasuolo Valli	2018	90 WS, 92 VM
Feudi del Pisciotto	Merlot Valentino	2016	91 VM
Feudi del Pisciotto	Nero d'Avola Versace	2019	90 VM
Fond. Edmund Mach	Pinot Grigio	2019	90 VM
Fossacolle	Rosso di Montalcino	2018	91 VM

Fossacolle	Brunello di Montalcino	2016	94 JS, 95 WA
Fossacolle	Brunello di Montalcino Riserva	2015	95 JS, 91 VM
Gagliole	Chianti Classico Rubiolo	2018	92 JS, 90 WA
Gagliole	Chianti Classico Rubiolo	2019	91 JS
Gagliole	Valletta	2017	92 JS, 94 VM, 91 WS, 92 WA
Gagliole	Valletta	2018	92 JS
Gagliole	Chianti Classico Riserva Gallule	2016	92 W&S, 93 WS, 92 VM, 95 WA, 95 JS
Gagliole	Chianti Classico Riserva Gallule	2018	95 JS
Gagliole	Gagliole Rosso	2016	95 WA, 90+ VM, 93 JS
Gagliole	Gagliole Rosso	2018	95 JS
Gagliole	Pecchia	2016	93 JS
Ganghija	Barbera d'Alba Superiore	2016	90+ WA
Ganghija	Barbaresco Base	2016	94 JS, 91 WA, 93 WE
Ganghija	Barbaresco Giacosa	2016	93 WA, 90 WE, 92 WS
Garesio	Nizza DOCG	2017	91 WS
Garesio	Nizza Riserva DOCG	2015	91 WA, 92 WS
Garesio	Barolo Cerretta DOCG	2015	92 WA, 92 WE
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo DOCG	2015	93 WA, 93 JS, 92 WE
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo DOCG	2016	90 VM
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo Serralunga	2014	91 WA
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo Cru Cerretta	2014	92 WA, 90 W&S
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo Cru Cerretta	2016	94 WS, 97 WE, 95 WA, 95 VM
Giovanni Rosso	Barolo Cru Serra	2016	97 WE, 96 WA, 95+ VM
Giovanni Rosso	Ester Canale Nebbiolo	2016	94 WA
Giovanni Rosso	Ester Canale Barolo Vigna Rionda	2015	97 WE, 93 VM, 97 WE
Giovanni Rosso	Ester Canale Barolo Vigna Rionda	2016	97 WS, 94 WA, 95 VM
Giovanni Rosso	Etna Bianco	2019	91 JS
Giovanni Rosso	Etna Rosso	2016	92 WS, 93 WE, 91 W&S
La Lastra	Vernaccia	2019	90+ WA
La Poderina	Rosso di Montalcino	2018	90 VM, 90 WA
La Poderina	Brunello di Montalcino	2016	95 JS, 90 VM, 94 WA
Le Salette	Ripasso Valpolicella I Progni	2017	91 W&S
Le Salette	Ca'Carnocchio	2016	91 VM, 92 JS
Le Salette	Amarone Classico La Marega	2016	94 VM
Le Salette	Amarone Classico Pergole Vece	2016	91 VM
Le Salette	Recioto Pergole Vece	2011	93 W&S
Leone de Castris	Five Roses	2020	90 VM
Leone de Castris	Negroamaro Rosato Medaglione	2019	91 VM
Leone de Castris	Primitivo Villa Santera	2018	91 JS
Leone de Castris	Salice Salentino 50esima Vendemmia	2017	90 WS
Leone de Castris	Salice Salentino Donna Lisa	2016	92 WE, 91 VM
Leone de Castris	Salice Salentino Donna Lisa	2017	91 WS
Leone de Castris	Per Lui	2015	90 WS, 90 WE
Leone de Castris	Per Lui	2017	90 VM
Montevertrano	Montevertrano Red	2018	94 WS
Nuraghe Crabioni	Cannonau	2018	90 VM
Ottella	Lugana DOC	2020	91 WE
Ottella	Le Creete Lugana	2020	92 WE

Ottella	Molceo Lugana Riserva	2018	92 WE
Pacherhof	Kerner	2019	92 WE
Pacherhof	Pinot Grigio	2019	92 WE
Pecchenino	Dogliani San Luigi	2019	90 W&S, 90 WS
Pecchenino	Dogliani Superiore Siri d'Jermu	2018	91 WS
Pecchenino	Dogliani Superiore Bricco Botti	2016	91 WA, 93 JS, 93 VM, 90 WS, 91 W&S
Pecchenino	Langhe Bricco Ravera	2015	90 VM
Pecchenino	Barolo San Giuseppe	2017	90 WA
Pecchenino	Barolo Le Coste	2017	91 WA, 96 JS
Pecchenino	Barolo Bussia	2015	93 WA, 93 JS, 93 WS, 93 VM
Pecchenino	Barolo Bussia	2017	93 JS
Pecchenino	Alta Langa Metodo Classico	2016	90 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco	2017	94 VM, 94 W&S
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Asili	2016	97 VM, 97 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Montefico	2016	98 VM, 97 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Montestefano	2016	98 VM, 98 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Muncagota	2016	94+ VM, 96 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Ovello	2016	97+ VM, 96 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Paje	2016	96 VM, 95 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Pora	2016	95 VM, 95 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja	2016	98 VM, 98 WA
Produttori del Barbaresco	Barbaresco Riserva Rio Sordo	2016	94 VM, 96 WA
Rocca di Frassinello	Poggio alla Guardia	2017	91 JS
Rocca di Frassinello	Le Sughere	2017	92 WS, 92 JS
Rocca di Frassinello	Ornello	2016	93 VM
Rocca di Frassinello	Baffonero	2016	93 VM, 91 WE
Rocca di Frassinello	Rocca di Frassinello	2019	91 JS
Salvioni	Rosso di Montalcino	2018	93 VM, 91 WE
Salvioni	Brunello di Montalcino	2016	100 WE
San Leonardo	Sauvignon Blanc Vette	2019	90 WS
San Leonardo	Sauvignon Blanc Vette	2020	91 JS
San Leonardo	Riesling	2016	90 VM, 93+ WA, 91 WS
San Leonardo	Terre di San Leonardo	2016	91 JS, 91 VM, 92 WA
San Leonardo	Villa Gresti	2014	90 WS, 93 JS, 91 WA
San Leonardo	San Leonardo	2014	91 VM, 91 WS, 90 JS, 94+ WA
San Leonardo	San Leonardo	2015	92 JS, 97+ WA, 95 VM, 93 WS
San Leonardo	Carmenere	2015	94 VM
Santa Tresa	Rina lanca	2019	90 WE
Santa Tresa	Cerasuolo	2018	90 W&S
Statti	Batasarro	2015	91 WE
Tenuta Luisa	Pinot Grigio	2019	90 VM
Tenuta Luisa	Cabernet Franc	2018	91 JS
Tenuta Luisa	Pinot Grigio	2019	92 JS
Tenuta Luisa	Friulano	2018	92 JS
Tenuta Luisa	Ribolla Gialla	2018	90 JS
Tenuta Luisa	Sauvignon Blanc	2019	91 JS
Tenuta Luisa	Merlot	2018	93 JS
Tenuta Pederzana	Lambrusco Grasparossa	2019	90 VM

Terra di Seta	Chianti Classico 480	2017	91 VM
Terra di Seta	Chianti Classico Riserva GG	2016	93 VM
Terra di Seta	Chianti Classico Gran Selezione	2016	93 VM
Terredora	Fiano di Avellino	2019	93 JS
Terredora	Fiano Campore	2016	93 JS
Terredora	Taurasi Fatica Contadina	2013	92 JS
Terredora	Taurasi Pago dei Fusi	2011	94 WA, 91 WS, 90 VM
Velenosi	Ludi	2016	92 VM
Vie di Romans	Chardonnay Ciampagnis	2018	95 JS, 90 VM, 94 WA, 90 WS
Vie di Romans	Chardonnay Vie di Romans	2018	91 WS



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MARIANO DEL FRIULI 2020



Bright yellow with a bouquet of bread crust, acacia blossom, and ripe tropical fruit such as mango, passion fruit, and honey. On the palate, it is silky, fruity, soft, and round with a long, elegant finish. Try it with fresh grilled fish, oysters, or cheese!