

PUGLIA

**FELLINE DE
ACCADEMIA DEI RACEMI
MANDURIA**



OVERVIEW | Accademia dei Racemi is one of Apulia's most interesting wineries. A collection of six estates owned or managed by Gregorio Perrucci since 1998, it sits side-by-side with his family's large bulk winery, but it makes only fine wines. The aim of Accademia dei Racemi is to bring attention to the enological heritage of Apulia and in particular the local grapes that, in the past, seemed to be destined to the production of "bulk wines" only. They have selected the most interesting and promising sites and vineyards of the region, involving their proprietors in this project while assisting them in the viticultural and wine making practices by offering the help of seasoned wine makers and technicians. The work of Accademia dei Racemi is particularly focused on the local varieties, among them Primitivo, Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera, as well as less known varieties.

VINEYARD AREA: 120 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 100,000 cases

SOIL TYPES: various (see text)

GRAPE VARIETIES: *primitivo, negroamaro, susumaniello*

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | Convinced of the potentialities of the Croatian-derived Primitivo (the genetical equal of Zinfandel) and of its enological tradition in the Apulian territory, Accademia dei Racemi started a project at the Cooperative Cellar researching and micro-vinifying wines in order to study and evaluate the characteristics of the many crus of Primitivo di Manduria. The research on Primitivo, based on a meticulous zoning, gave birth to Fellingine (vineyards cultivated in red soils), Sinfarosa (black soils) and Dunico (sand). Accademia dei Racemi is the only non American winery that was admitted to ZAP (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers), an association that organizes a prestigious annual tasting in San Francisco.

Primitivo is not the only grape that interests Accademia dei Racemi. They have identified top sources for Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera as well as Ottavianello, an almost extinct grape in Apulia and known in France and elsewhere as Cinsaut. In addition, they work with valuable Apulian indigenous varieties like the spicy Susumaniello. Accademia dei Racemi's research, determination and respect for its land, is worthily represented by the quality of its wines, while proving that intelligence and the correct use of resources, even of those grapes once considered "modest and humble" are instead capable of producing wines of great quality and value.

WINES |

Felline "Alberello" Rosso Salento IGT - old-vine negroamaro and primitivo from red soils



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