

# PUER APULIAE 2017

Castel del Monte Nero di Troia Riserva

D.O.C.G.

**Puer Apuliae** –*Son of Puglia* in Latin– is a wine of remarkable character and elegance obtained from a small-berried clone of Nero di Troia, northern Puglia main indigenous varietal, reselected and replanted on the poor calcareous soils of Tafuri vineyard by Rivera.

Modern style winemaking and ageing for 14 months in new French oak barriques exalt the varietal's sophisticated blackberry and violet notes and the rich and full-bodied palate.

**VARIETIES:** 100% "small-berry" Nero di Troia (Rivera's own selection).

**PRODUCTION AREA:** Murgia hills area northwest of Bari in the Castel del Monte D.O.C.G. area.

**VINEYARDS:** The single vineyard "Tafuri" is located at the foot of the Murgia hills at an altitude of 250 meters on poor calcareous soils. Trained with the spurred cordon system at 4,800 vines per hectare, it bears an average yield of 60–70 quintals per hectare.

**WINE MAKING:** The grapes were picked between the 3rd and 4th week of October. Maceration in stainless steel lasts 16–18 days with delestage (separation of the must from the skins with subsequent pump-over to refill the vat) and microoxygenation to soften the considerable tannin content.

**AGEING:** After malolactic fermentation, the wine is matured in new French oak barriques and tonneaux for 14 months. Bottled unfiltered, the wine is given a minimum of 12 months of bottle aging before release.

**TASTING NOTES:** Brilliant deep ruby color with purple hue; attractive vivid aromas of blackcurrant and violets with delicate notes of incense and star anis; the rich yet elegant palate is supported by a polished tannic structure and a long and lingering finish.

**RECOMMENDED WITH:** Full-flavored, rich dishes such as red meat, roasts, game and aged cheeses. Serve at 18 °C after proper oxygenation.

**CELLARING:** If correctly stored, it will beautifully age for 12–15 years.

**ANALYTICAL DATA:** Alcohol: 13.5%; Total acidity: 5.62 g/l; pH: 3.57; Residual sugar: 1.60 g/l; Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 73 mg/l.



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