

Fontefico

Italy - Abruzzo - Vasto (CH)



Ownership/Founders Altieri family

Start of Activity 2006

Vitiviniculture Certified organic

Hectares 15

Bottles produced 50.000

"COSTETOSTE" AGLIANICO TERRE DI CHIETI

Production area: in the Le Coste vineyard, 120 metres above sea level with southern exposure

Terrain: scheletrico, argilloso e limoso

Harvest: manual

Vinification: fermentation for 27 days

Refinement: 10 months in steel, 20 months in wood and 30 months in bottle

Color: deep red

Fragrance: intense balsamic notes of aniseed and rosemary, plums and sour cherries alternate with black pepper and aniseed

Flavor: very full-bodied and mineral, with high acidity and a cocoa bean finish, fierce tannins

Alcoholic Grade: 15% vol



Fontefico overlooks the Gulf of Vasto and this part of Abruzzo is known for the fresh, salty Adriatic winds that are an integral part of the area's microclimate. The soil is black and rich in organic matter thanks to spontaneous grassing and the practice of green manure. On the surface, the important presence of stones alternates with patches of clay and iron, yielding mineral and savoury wines with uncommon structure and longevity. The three siblings Nicola, Emanuele and Valeria Altieri have been running Fontefico since 2006 with the aim of uncompromising quality, starting with sustainable agriculture centred on indigenous grape varieties and producing wines from individual, specific vineyards. Each vineyard has its own identity, which is why each wine is represented by a character on the label. The Pecorino Superiore is "La Canaglia" because it comes from a vineyard that does not let itself be tamed, but then makes up for it with a complex and distinctive wine. Montepulciano is the "Cocca di casa" because after all, this is the favorite grape. And so on, with the particularity that, vintage after vintage, each of these protagonists is illustrated on the label in a different life scene to tell an anecdote of the vintage. Putting the bottles of the various vintages together, one can read the story of Fontefico: a story that speaks of territory and authenticity, a perfect icon of Abruzzo viticulture.