

# San Marzano 'Collezione Cinquanta', Vino Rosso d'Italia NV



A big and fleshy wine full of chocolate and spice flavours, smooth and very long. Quite delicious.

## Producer Note

In 1962, 19 vine growers from San Marzano whose families had farmed the land for generations, combined their efforts to establish 'Cantine San Marzano'. Through the decades this cooperative has grown significantly, attracting over 1,200 vine growers. Using modern and technologically advanced vinification techniques they produce elegant wines that pay homage to the ancient Apulian wine traditions. The fusion of time honoured tradition, passion and contemporary techniques, enables this winery to produce wines with distinctive varietal and regional characteristics while reflecting the local terroir. In the Sommelier Wine Awards, San Marzano was awarded European Producer of the Year 2017.

## Vineyard

The vineyard is located in Salento, Puglia, where the vines are grown at an altitude of approximately 100 metres above sea level. The temperatures are relatively high over the summer, which encourages the berries to ripen evenly. The soil is predominantly clay with some rocks, which help drainage. The vines are old, gnarly bush vines which are over 50 years old and are planted at a density of 4,500 vines per hectare. The Primitivo is grown in the highly reputed area of Manduria, locally regarded as the best in Puglia. The harvest takes place in September, when the grapes are slightly overripe.

## Winemaking

The grapes were destemmed, crushed and underwent cold pre-fermentation maceration. Fermentation took place with indigenous yeasts before being gently pressed. Malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks which helped to soften the resulting wine, before it was aged for 12 months in fine French oak barrels.

## Grape

Negroamaro 50%, Primitivo 50%

## Awards

Silver, DWWA, 2016  
Silver Outstanding, IWSC, 2016  
Silver, SWA, 2017  
Top 100, Wine Merchant, 2019



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| Winemaker:            | Caterina Bellanova               |
| Region:               | Apulia                           |
| Country:              | Italy                            |
| Alcohol:              | 14.5%                            |
| Body Value:           | D (A is light, E is full bodied) |
| Residual Sugar:       | 10                               |
| Contains Sulphites:   | Yes                              |
| Vegetarian/Vegan:     | Yes/Yes                          |
| Milk/Eggs:            | No/No                            |
| Organic/Biodynamic    | No/No                            |
| Product Code:         | 52036NVA                         |
| Case unit of measure: | 6X75CL                           |
| Formats Available:    | 75cl                             |
| Closure:              | Natural Cork                     |