



## 2016 Apollonio Salento Primitivo ( Zinfandel )

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Reduced to clear- out it goes. Limited stock. Lovely black fruit in a gentle, elegant style - the Apollonio Primitivo is a southern Italian charmer. In Puglia the climate is Mediterranean and the early-ripening Primitivo grape is used to make a deeper, darker red. But Apollonio offers this in a very sophisticated form, with beautifully defined fruit and a balanced medium body. Excellent value for the barbeque or dinner table.

### Grape

Primitivo

### Its Origins

Apollonio was a benchmark producer in the region in the early part of the 20th Century and continues to forge ahead today with the fourth generation of the Apollonio family at the helm. The wines of Puglia have never received as much interest in the past as they do now. Tasting Apollonio's wines shows that here at least the attention is justified. Great care is taken in the production and vinification of local grape varieties to produce wines of uniquely southern Italian character. Ageing typically takes place in barrel and then bottle for extended periods before release. Powerful and complex, the wines have flavours of ripe, dark fruits and leather, attractive weight, richness and balanced tannin. They brilliantly represent the terroir and climate of Puglia while being beautifully elegant in their structure and style. In 2012, Apollonio's Divoto Copertino Rosso 2004 won the Trophy at the IWC Awards. Traditional bush vine cultivation is the norm for Apollonio which naturally limits yield, ensuring the best quality grapes go into the Apollonio wines.

### What The Critics Say

#### Winemaker notes

"The nose is frank and elegant, full of black cherry, black pepper and dried flowers. Light body, fairly balanced with a strong touch of tannin in the finish. Fresh with pleasant roundness. Harmonious and intense with warm mineral tones. "

Variety	Negroamaro
Colour	Red
Region	Southern Italy
Closure	Cap
Volume	750ml
Alcohol	No
Maturity	No

### This Wine Goes Well With



### Taste

