

Winemaker:

Marco Moccia**Marc DeGrazia Selection**

Region:

Campania (Taurasi)

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Cantine Antonio Caggiano was founded in 1990 with the goal of re-establishing the reputation of southern Italy's premiere indigenous red bottling, Taurasi. Founder Antonio Caggiano feels Taurasi deserves the same regard that Barolo and Brunello garner from consumers. After less than 20 years, he is well on the way.

Caggiano's winery is a reflection of his grand vision. It contains state of the art winemaking technology, but instead of a sleek modern look, was designed to feel hundreds of years old. The wandering multi-leveled layout, consists of dim barrel vaulted corridors dotted by impressive wrought iron gated bottle aging rooms, and artistic displays reminiscent of a museum and/or church.

Historical Press

Caggiano Fiano di Avellino "Bechar" 2007

International Wine Cellars

Pale golden yellow. Rich, heady aromas of ripe pear, yellow peach and pistachio nuts, complemented by hints of vanilla, menthol and white pepper. Enters the mouth fat and supple, but there's also an almost disturbing amount of sweetness to the pure, intense apple and pear flavors. Though undoubtedly a winemaking tour de force in its richness, I'm not sure everyone will be thrilled with the lingering sweetness on the moderately long finish. (July/August 2008)

Caggiano Irpina Bianco IGT "Fiagre" 2007

88 International Wine Cellars

Light gold color. Sweet aromas of honeyed apple and pear are enlivened by notes of flint and white pepper. Rich and round on the palate, offering an appealing sweetness to the apple, peach and pear flavors. Moderately long and complex but quite satisfying. (July/August 2008)

Caggiano Agliancio dell'Irpina IGT "Salae Domini" 2005

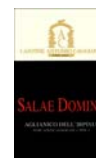
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Deep red. Subtle sour red cherry and strawberry syrup aromas are enlivened by a cool floral mintiness. A flavor of strawberry soda is lifted by bright acidity and a salty touch. Finishes with firm but suave tannins and very good grip; this is noticeably less tannic than recent vintages of this bottling. (July/August 2008)

Caggiano Agliancio dell'Irpina IGT "Salae Domini" 2004

89 Wine Advocate

Caggiano's Salae Domini is made from Taurasi-designated vineyards and is aged in new French oak but given a shorter period of aging than is required to qualify as Taurasi. The 2004 is soft and approachable in its expression of plums, flowers, spices and leather. The appearance of early tertiary notes makes me think it will drink best fairly young. (February 2008)



Caggiano Campania IGT "Tari" 2005

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The 2005 Aglianico Tari is beautiful entry-level wine from Campania. Dark fruit, leather, tobacco, sweet spices and herbs all flow from this soft, round Aglianico that is meant to be enjoyed on the young side. (August 2008)



Caggiano Campania IGT "Tari" 2004

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Readers who want to discover the unique qualities of Aglianico without spending a fortune should check out Antonio Caggiano's 2004 Aglianico Tari. This sumptuous, richly-textured red is packed with over-ripe jammy fruit, licorice, tar and minerals. It is a tasty wine to drink now and over the next few years. (May 2008)

Caggiano Taurasi "Macchia dei Goti" 2004

92 Wine Advocate

The 2004 Taurasi Macchia dei Goti shows a very refined, elegant side of Aglianico. It offers superb purity as well as delineation in its dark fruit, spices and toasted oak, with outstanding persistence on the palate and terrific balance. (February 2008)

91+ International Wine Cellars

Deep red. Still somewhat closed on the nose but nonetheless perfumed, showing real depth of black cherry, balsamic smoke and mineral aromas. Then riper and suppler in the mouth, thanks also to a deft use of residual sugar, but becomes slightly aggressive and tannic, with the smoky plum and black cherry fruit flavors remaining in the background. There's a pleasant black pepper quality on the long, refined finish. I am probably catching this impressively soft and layered modern-style wine at an awkward stage, as it appears to need some time to knit. (July/August 2008)

Gambero Rosso

Tre Bicchieri (2008)

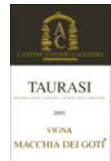
Caggiano Taurasi "Macchia dei Goti" 2003

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The 2003 Taurasi Macchia dei Goti is another gorgeous wine from Antonio Caggiano. It reveals awesome richness and opulence in its generous dark fruit. The tannins are massive and the new oak still needs to settle down, but this will be a terrific bottle in another few years. (February 2008)

Wine & Spirits

BEST REDISCOVERED VARIETIES - Think cherries, both fresh and dried, along with relatively high acidity. Mountain-grown Aglianico tends to have strong, sinewy tannins, resulting in powerful, age-worthy wines. (Fall 2008)



Caggiano Taurasi "Macchia dei Goti" 2001

92 Wine Advocate

The 2001 Taurasi Vigna Macchia dei Goti remains one of the top wines of its zone, even if it is somewhat different from the more muscle-flexing style of Feudi di San Gregorio or Salvatore Malodour. But this is, nonetheless, a large-framed and important wine, a wall-to-wall dark ruby in color with powerful, intense aromas of raspberries, tar, chocolate, and roasted coffee. The palate is dense and concentrated, but with a polish of tannins and a warmth on the finish which give it a style of its own. And it will be very long-lived indeed, to drink between 2006 and 2020. (August 2004) □

95 International Wine Cellars

Deep, luminous ruby-red. Intense and persistent aromas of grilled bacon fat, chocolate-covered dried cherries, mint and smoke, with a touch of spicy graphite. Profoundly rich, spicy and dense, with flavors of raspberry jam, red cherry liqueur, black pepper and grilled steak. With its pleasantly chewy extract and silky tannins, this would appear to have great aging potential. Incidentally, well-kept bottles of the first vintages made here, '94 and '95, still show virtually no garnet hue whatsoever. (July/August 2005)

