



DI MEO®
SALZA IRPINA

'ALESSANDRA' FIANO D'AVELLINO DOCG RISERVA

In the early 1980s, Erminia, Generoso and Roberto Di Meo acquired the historical estate from their parents Vittorio and Alessandrina, located in the province of Avellino, in the area of Salza Irpina. The estate, a beautiful 18th-century farmhouse that was once a hunting lodge of the Caracciolo Prince, is surrounded by gently rolling, breezy hillsides. The goal of the three siblings was to produce wines from the most widespread native varieties in Irpinia, like Fiano, Greco, Aglianico and Coda di volpe, and promote the value of cultural and regional traditions. They decided to plant vineyards, and in 1986 they produced their first vintage.

Produced with selected grapes from the Fiano vineyard surrounding the Salza Irpina winery, 'Alessandra' bears the name of the Di Meo brothers' mother. Slight over-ripening, manual harvest, maceration on the skins, fermentation at a controlled temperature and 9 years of aging, of which 8 in stainless steel tanks and another 1 in the bottle.

This stunningly aged wine has an elegant nose of floral (mimosa, chamomile) and fruity (peach, apricot) notes, with pleasant hints of acacia honey, beeswax and smoke. A rich golden color, the wine is consistent, has an optimal structure, great freshness and high persistence. Pair with Andria burrata with langoustine tartare and bottarga, pasta with anglerfish sauce, and soufflé.

GRAPES	100% Fiano d'Avellino
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Vigna Alessandra, Salza Irpina
ALTITUDE	550 m a.s.l.
ORIENTATION	Northeast
SOIL	Clay, semi-limestone
VINE TRAINING	Espalier with monoliteral Guyot pruning
PLANTING DENSITY	4,500 vines per hectare with yields of 50 quintals per hectare
VINIFICATION	Manual harvesting of selected bunches in 15 kg crates, de-stemming and soft pressing of the grapes, maceration on the skins, fermentation at a controlled temperature.
AGEING	Rests in steel for 8 years, with a final refinement in the bottle for 12 months.
ABV	13.5%
OENOLOGIST	Roberto di Meo



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