

REGIONAL TROPHIES



Regional Trophy winner Red Southern Italy over £15 Quintodecimo, Riserva, Taurasi, Campania 2010 (14.5%)

Autumnal, savoury, nutty, elegant and lively. The ripe cherry and blackcurrant fruit shows fine concentration, with an orange tang and a decoration of almonds, supported by breezy acidity and abundant, ripe tannins. This needs time to fully resolve but is archetypal Taurasi with great potential.

£78 Justerini & Brooks
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Tasted against Polvanera, 17 Primitivo, Gioia del Colle, Puglia 2011

CAMPANIA'S IRPINIA SUB-REGION is a mountainous hinterland where the climate is shaped by the ridge of the Apennine Mountains. There's plenty of rainfall (600mm to 800mm a year) with cold, snowy winters. This may be southern Italy, but the summers are mild and temperatures are rarely, if ever, excessive.

Made in only the finest years since its first vintage in 2004, this Trophy winner benefits from the conditions; its Aglianico grapes are taken from a two-hectare plot planted in 2001 on the northwest side of the 15ha Quintodecimo estate (pictured), situated at 420m and with a 25% slope. The soil is of expandable clay, and very rich in limestone.

Winemaker Luigi Moio learned much during his time in Burgundy in the early 1990s, where he completed a PhD studying the scientific aspects of wine aromas, but also owes much to his Campanian wine heritage.

Moio's father Michele was also a producer and, in the 1950s, revived the ancient Falernian wine style that was so beloved by the ancient Romans (and referenced by poets of the time, such as Horace).



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