



LEONE DE CASTRIS
1665



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by:
Leone De Castris family
Winemaker: Matteo Esposito;
consultant Riccardo Cotarella
Total acreage of vine: 990 (400 Ha)
Winery Production: 2,500,000 bts
Region: **PUGLIA**

DONNA LISA SALICE SALENTINO RISERVA DOC

WINE DESCRIPTION

This Salice Salentino Riserva is dedicated to Donna Lisa, the Grandmother of the family. During the first harvest of Negroamaro in the 1940s, she asked her husband to also consider hiring women and to pay them with the same salary as men. This was revolutionary in Salento. She also created a school at the farm for the children of the women who were working in the vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red color and garnet highlights. The nose has scents of blueberries and blackcurrant jam, spiced hints of vanilla, licorice and a toasted touch. In the mouth it is full-bodied, velvety, and rich with smooth elegant tannins.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with roast veal and beef, game, lamb, and aged cheeses.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard names:	Donna Lisa
Vineyard size:	7 hectares
Soil composition:	Clay, medium texture
Training method:	Apulian head training
Elevation:	40 meters a.s.l.
Vines/hectare:	7,000/hectare
Exposure:	East-West
Age:	40 years
Harvest time:	End of September
First vintage:	1985
Production:	40,000 bottles

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	90% Negroamaro, 10% Malvasia Nera di Lecce
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel vats (13 days at 20 - 22°C)
Maceration technique:	On the skins for min 13 days
Type of aging container:	French oak barriques
Length of aging:	18 months
Length of bottle aging:	18 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.5 %
Res. sugar:	2.5 g/L
Acidity:	5.6 g/L
Dry extract:	40 g/L

