



*Buongiorno a tutti,*

Every wine has a story to tell and every territory has a story that connects it to the wines produced in that area. A special place in Italy that has one of the most fascinating (and much lesser known) stories is *Castel del Monte* in **Puglia**. This ONE of a kind octagonal shaped castle (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE) known as Castel del Monte (pictured above) was commissioned in the 13th century by Frederick II of Hohenstaufen, who had inherited the lands by his mother, Constance of Sicily.

Frederick II of the German House of Hohenstaufen (*Svevi*) was a lot more than a beloved King of those days. Frederick was born in Jesi (Castelli di Jesi area of the Marche) in 1194, he lived in Sicily most of his life but dedicated considerable amount of time to developing Puglia (for which was nicknamed *puer Apulia* - son of Puglia), promoting commercial trade through the Apulian ports and renovated cities like Foggia, Brindisi and Andria till he died in Puglia in 1250. His death meant the end of the Norman-Hohenstaufen dynasty, and for Puglia another long period of decline.

***What is Castel del Monte:*** it is a district named after the homonymous Castle, it lies inland on the western portion of the Murge plateau, a large area with variable elevations ranging from 600 to 1500 feet of elevation. The soils are shallow and stony with high clay content, sitting atop a limestone bedrock. Most of the vineyards are still trained using alberello (bush vine) but also cordon spur and guyot and the main varietals planted in this area are Nero di Troia, Bombino Nero, Aglianico and Montepulciano.

*The producer:* **Torrevento** is a winery located in *Contrada Torre del vento*, in the heart of the Alta Murgia National Park. The story begins in 1913 (before the winery existed) with the forefather of the family, Francesco Liantonio, that at 16 years of age embarked on the ship "Hamburg", destined to New York to seek fortune. After 10 years selling ice in the streets of New York, Francesco returned to Puglia and began the trading of olive oil and wine. It won't be till 1948 that the Liantonio brothers acquired a 17th century Benedictine Monastery with adjacent vineyards in the Alta Murgia and started growing exclusively native grapes to produce wines.

Today's wine I am offering is a real gem, (***Torrevento 'Bolonero' Castel del Monte DOC***) and price point/quality ratio is truly unbelievable, and especially the 2019 vintage received the prestigious **TRE BICCHIERI** award by Gambero Rosso as one of the finest wines of Italy in 2021. Bolonero is a wine without frills, genuine and direct, where the Nero di Troia (80%) with its thick skin, moderate acidity and medium-high tannins, produces an elegant wine without any oak, while Aglianico (20%) adds more layered complexity and skin tannins. This is a wine region unknown to most but the wines have such a wonderful drinkable suppleness but never boring.

We have 13cs available in our warehouse, but 15 more cases available within a week time.

**2019 Torrevento 'Bolonero' Castel del Monte DOC**

**TRE BICCHIERI GAMBERO ROSSO**



Above: a bust of Frederick II of Hohenstaufen, Holy Roman Emperor (but also King of Sicily, King of Germany, King of Italy and King of Jerusalem)



## BOLONERO

### Castel del Monte DOC Rosso

#### TASTING NOTES

Ruby red in color. The nose is full, fragrant, with hints of spices and berries. It is harmonious on the palate, full and slightly savory.

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

Nero di Troia, Aglianico

#### VINEYARDS

Puglia – hills in the Castel del Monte DOC appellation

#### ALTITUDE

350-400 m a.s.l.

#### SOIL

Calcareous – alluvial clay, medium textured

#### HARVEST PERIOD

Last 20 days of October

#### WINEMAKING

Fermentation with maceration

#### AGING

8 months in steel

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

13% vol.

#### Year 2019

- + 3 red glasses – Guida Vini Buoni 2021 Gambero Rosso
- + Silver Medal – Decanter 2020
- + 93 score – Annuario de I migliori Vini Italiani 2021 Luca Maroni
- + 3 stars – Guida Vini Buoni d'Italia 2021 – Touring Club Italiano
- + Gold Medal – Berliner Wine Trophy 2021
- + 90 score – International Wine Report 2021

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## **Gambero Rosso**



Alta Murgia National Park

[Click HERE to watch a video of the Alta Murgia National Park](#)



The king of local grapes, Nero di Troia



**SUSTAINABILITY:**

Torrevento is a "Sustainable Winery of 2019": the recognition of Gambero Rosso for Sustainable Viticulture.

Torrevento won for Sustainable Viticulture, among the eleven special prizes awarded to wineries and winegrowers by Gambero Rosso, in the "Italian Wines Guide 2019".

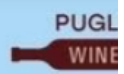
The path of sustainability has been undertaken for many years and defines a conscious approach along concrete actions:

- soil and irrigation management (through weather stations located in the vineyards)
- nutrition of the vineyard and phytosanitary control
- reduced soil tillage
- increase of the biodiversity of the vineyard flora
- increase of the microbial life of the soil
- increase the organic matter content of the vineyard
- precision viticulture
- evaluation of the oidium risk

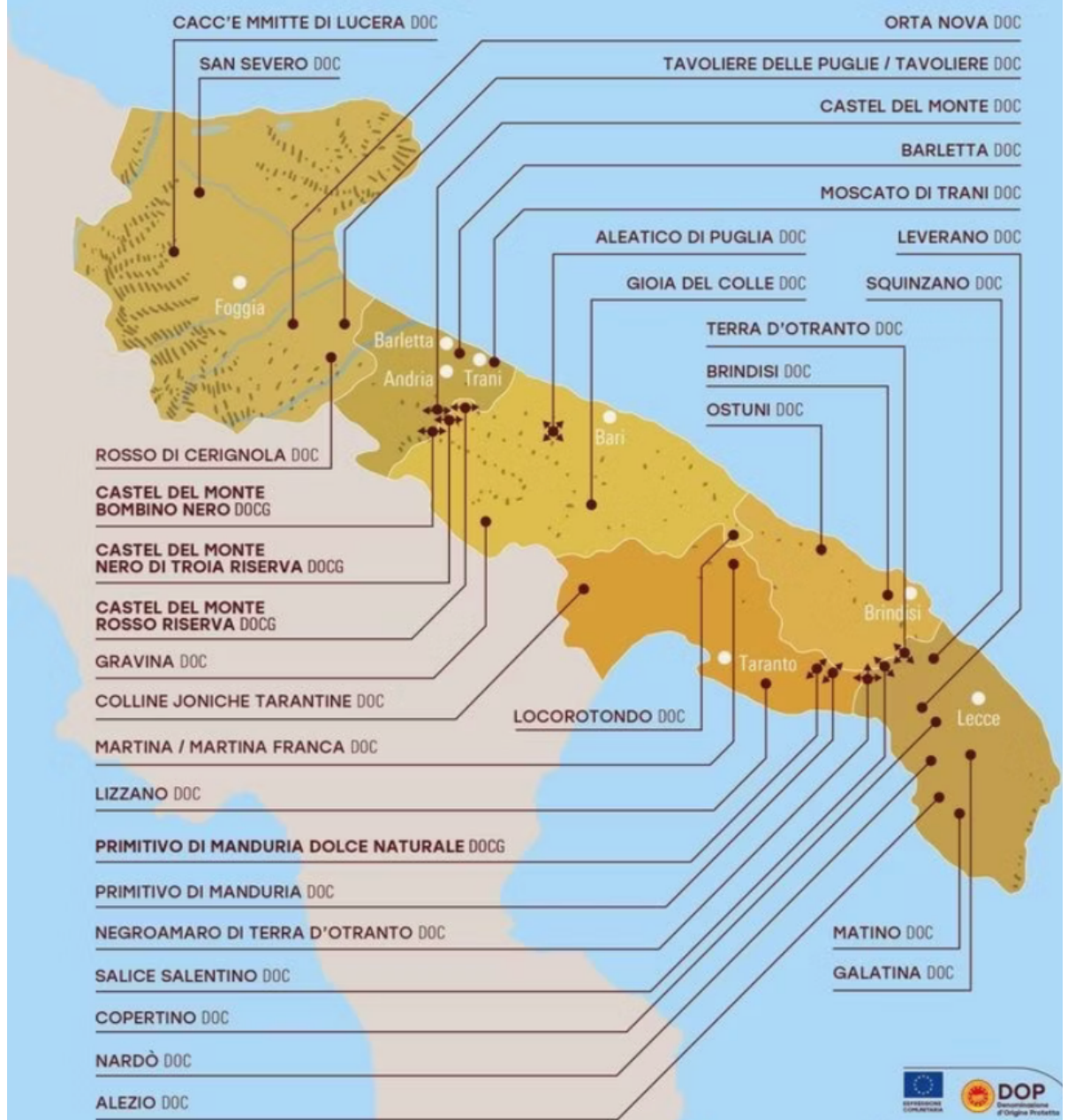
A further confirmation for Torrevento that, enhancing the indigenous grape varieties of Apulia, is always focused on the environmental issue in collaboration with the research world for the recovery of the human and natural heritage and the sustainable development of the territory.



Dipende che Vino



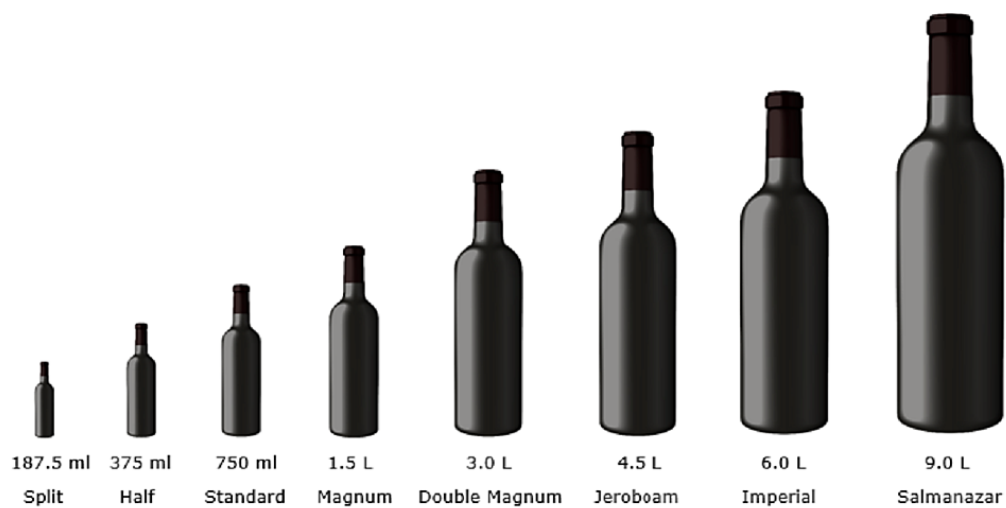
# VINI DOP PUGLIA DOCG - DOC



Above: a wine map of all the DOC/DOCG appellations of Puglia.

## THE BIG BOTTLES

-	2007 Il Moro di San Giovanni IGT Toscana	<b>8bt</b>	1.5lt
-	2016 Tenuta di Trinoro 'Palazzi' Merlot	<b>2bt</b>	1.5lt
-	2009 Tenuta di Trinoro Igt Toscana	<b>1bt</b>	1.5lt
-	2017 La Dama Amarone della Valpolicella	<b>5bt</b>	1.5lt
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-	2017 La Dama Amarone della Valpolicella	<b>1bt</b>	3ltr
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-	2019 La Dama Amarone della Valpolicella	<b>2bt</b>	3ltr
-	2018 Innocenti Brunello di Montalcino	<b>2bt</b>	1.5lt
-	2020 Innocenti Brunello di Montalcino	<b>5bt</b>	1.5lt
-	2020 Innocenti Brunello di Montalcino	<b>3bt</b>	3ltr
-	2017 Innocenti Brunello di Montalcino	<b>3bt</b>	5ltr
-	2020 Innocenti Brunello di Montalcino	<b>3bt</b>	5ltr



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