



CUPERTINUM

ANTICA CANTINA DEL SALENTO

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CUPERTINUM ANCIENT WINERY OF SALENTO

In the Apulian plain, in the centre of the Salento peninsula, between the Ionian and the Adriatic sea, extends the territory of Copertino. On this red soil, vineyards and olive trees harmoniously alternate: century-old twisted trunks of olive trees often introduce the characteristic Apulian shrub-vines that produce this strong and generous wine. In 1935, thirty-six vine growers founded the Cantina Sociale of Copertino, with the aim of improving the cooperation and the production of their own vineyards and the trade of their wine. Today the cooperative numbers 300 proud members who confer their own harvest. The vine cultivated area extends to around 300 hectares, and all vineyards are meticulously treated with wisdom, result of tradition and innovation, obtaining excellent wines, able to arouse enthusiasm. Cupertinum winery processes mainly traditional varieties: Negroamaro, enoic symbol of Salento, is the main one, and also Malvasia Nera, Primitivo, Malvasia Bianca as well as other varieties acclimated in this land. The territory of DOC Copertino has a clayish soil structure with a varying composition placed on top of the hard limestone or tufa, in a flat area: from 30 to 60 meters above sea level. In the cellar, during vinification and aging, the goal is to emphasize the character of the wine. This is the rigorous and simple secret that gives Cupertinum wines a personality that stands out for captivating aromas, harmony, body and elegance.

COPERTINO RISERVA

Copertino DOC Rosso Riserva

Da uve Negroamaro, con minime aggiunte di Malvasia nera e Montepulciano. Vino rosso rubino carico con riflessi granati, dal profumo intenso, ampio, ricco ed etereo con sentori di mora, prugna, macchia mediterranea, frutti maturi e cuoio, ha sapore caldo, ricco, generoso, dai toni evoluti e complessi, con ricordi di mandorla e ribes nero. **Abbinamenti:** primi e secondi a base di carni rosse o selvaggina, formaggi stagionati. Temperatura di servizio consigliata 18°.

Vendemmia: metà settembre. **Resa per ettaro:** 90 q.li.

Ceppi per ettaro: da 4500 a 5000. **Sistema di allevamento:** alberello.

Vinificazione: macerazione con le bucce per 7/8 giorni a 28° di temperatura; pressatura soffice e affinamento in acciaio e cemento vetrificato.

Gradazione alcolica: 13% vol.

COPERTINO RISERVA

Copertino DOC Red Reserve

From Negroamaro grapes, with minor additions of Malvasia Nera and Montepulciano. Ruby red wine with garnet effects, intense, full, rich and ethereal scent with hints of blackberry, plum, Mediterranean vegetation, ripe fruit and leather; warm, rich and generous taste, with advanced and complex tones and flavors of almond and blackcurrant.

Serving suggestions: main courses with red meat or game, aged cheeses.

Recommended serving temperature: 18°.

Harvest: mid September. **Yield per hectare:** 90 quintals. **Vine stocks per hectare:** from 4500 to 5000.

Training system: Apulian shrub-vines. **Vinification:** Maceration on the skins for 7/8 days at 28° C; pressing and aging in stainless steel. **Alcohol:** 13% vol.





THE CUPERTINUM VINEYARD ON THE CASTLE

Historical records show that the upper walls of Copertino Angevin Castle – which, in terms of plant size and grandeur, is one of the most impressive viceregal defensive structures – were used as roof gardens with vineyards. In 2013 Cupertinum Winery has presented the project “The Vineyard on the Castle” to the Administrative Board of Copertino Castle and to the Superintendence for Architectural Heritage and Landscape of Lecce, who - verified archival sources - have accepted it enthusiastically.

It is a unique project, with no precedents either in Italy or abroad, which relives history and enhances the most original aspects of culture as well as the cropping tradition of copertinean Salento: the history of Copertino and of vine-growing. The vineyard is situated on the bastions and has been implanted in April 2014 with the Apulian breeding system arranged in quinquonce rows. The cultivar is Negroamaro Cannellino, a precocious ancient variety.

Since its founding the Cupertinum has enhanced the relationship with local culture. Doc Copertino bottles have on the label as emblem the gate of the Castle, whilst the IGT Salento wines, Squarciafico and Spinello dei Falconi, are dedicated to noble families who dwelled the Castle.



Premi e riconoscimenti

Molti sono i premi e i riconoscimenti ricevuti da tutti i vini della Cupertinum, a livello internazionale e nazionale, da concorsi, guide, giornalisti ed esperti. Si riassumono bene in queste due citazioni: "Un Copertino Riserva di altissimo profilo impreziosisce una gamma di vini che non registra cedimenti e trova spunti di vera personalità. La Cupertinum è tra le aziende più encomiabili nella sua opera di adesione alla tradizione e alla tipicità" (*Guida I Vini d'Italia L'Espresso*).

"I Vini della Cupertinum rappresentano la tipicità del territorio e dei suoi vitigni, senza cedimenti verso mode e gusti facili, e hanno un vantaggioso rapporto tra qualità e prezzo" (*SlowWine/SlowFood*).

Awards and acknowledgments

The Cupertinum wines received many prizes and awards, both on international and national level, at contests, from various guides, journalists and experts. It can all be summed up in these two quotes: "This highest profile of Copertino Reserve embellishes a range of flawless wines with hints of true personality. The Cupertinum is among the most commendable wineries for its adherence to tradition and typicality" (*Guida I Vini d'Italia L'Espresso*).

"The Wines of Cupertinum, without yielding to fads and easy tastes, represent the uniqueness of the territory and its varieties, and have an excellent quality value for the price" (*SlowWine / SlowFood*).

Enoteca del Copertino / punto vendita, degustazione, visite

Apertura: 8.30 – 12.30 / 16.00 – 19.30, tranne la domenica

Copertino wine shop / wine tasting and visits to Cupertinum

Opening hours: 8.30 – 12.30 am / 4.00 – 7.30 pm. Closed on Sundays

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