

LAPILLI

LAPILLI Campania, Italy



(Greco di Tufo 2021) "Greco is, with Fiano, one of the two great white varieties of Southern Italy — and it may be even older than Fiano, though the case lies beyond proof. What's certain is that it can make refined, fresh, balanced whites which belie their latitude. Take a sniff of this wine and you might imagine you were up in the mountains, or close to some great ocean: it's fresh, sappy, ripely green, almost evoking Pessac-Leognan or the Pinot Bianco wines of Alto Adige. On the palate, it's true, you feel the southern width, depth, sinew and plump fruits, yet the poise and freshness sketched out on the nose never leaves the wine. Might Italy's greatest wines in fact come from the country's south? Taste this, and wonder." 97 points, Best In Show, Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Located in Irpinia, in the Southwest of the Avellino province, Lapilli was established in 1996 as a family-run business, and has been meticulously managed by its dedicated team ever since. With vineyards in and around the towns of Montefusco, Tufo, Benevento, Ponte and Torrecuso and vineyards on the hills of Lapio, Forino and Candida. This collection of communes is dedicated to wine production as a main factor in their local economy, which perhaps accounts for the diligence of the Lapilli team and their ethos of cherishing advice from older generations who know the land by heart.

The first grapes to be vinified were Fiano di Avellino, followed by Greco di Tufo, Aglianico, and Falanghina. Lapilli were keen to develop the vineyards one step at a time, in order to learn as much as possible with each new planting. The Falanghina vines are planted the lowest, at 250-300 metres above sea level in mixed clay soils in vineyards near Benevento and the Parco Regionale del Taburno, whereas the Fiano di Avellino DOCG vineyards are slightly higher at 400 metres in clay and limestone soils and are located on the hills around the town of Avellino. The Greco di Tufo DOCG vines grow in medium textured, limestone soils and make up the highest plantings at 500 metres above sea level, situated in the hilly towns of Tufo and Montefusco.

Winemaker Marco Flacco with nearly 20 years of experience, especially as Consultant Winemaker for various wineries in Abruzzo, has brought a fresh approach to the wineries activities and aims, and is an enthusiastic advocate of clean, varietal flavours.

In a region traditionally renowned for its premium wines, Lapilli have aimed to make these fabulous wines a little more accessible without compromising on the quality. The result is a range of enticing, elegant wines that represent fantastic value for money, yet still boast outstanding varietal aromas and flavours, complexity and reliable, clean consistency.

| Code | Label name | Vintage | Alcohol | Closure type | Case size |
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| White Wine | | | | | |
| LP0123 | Falanghina Beneventano | 2023 | 13.0% | Cork | 6x0.75lt |
| LL0223 | Greco di Tufo | 2023 | 13.0% | Cork | 6x0.75lt |
| Red Wine | | | | | |
| LL0523 | Aglianico Beneventano | 2023 | 13.5% | Cork | 6x0.75lt |