PORTOVINO

I CACCIAGALLI 'ZAGREO' BIANCO ROCCAMONFINA

In a sleepy corner of northern Campania, secular chestnut trees and vines intersperse the flanks of the dormant volcano of Roccamonfina*. Cacciagalli's essence is vines grown on volcanic soils, and a cellar of think-lipped amphorae sweating the fragrance of Campania's native grapes.

Since the 17th century, Diana Iannancone's family have been the caretakers of this ancient *masseria* (farmstead). Today, they tend a total of 35 hectares, 10 of which are vineyards, and the rest a mix of agriculture, including heirloom chickpeas (Cece di Teano), and local hazelnut trees.

It's a family estate and everyone pitches in but Diana takes the lead as the farm's agronomist, with a strong belief and practice in biodynamic viticulture, while her husband Mario watches over the amphorae.

'Zagreo' is their 100% Fiano with long macerations in amphorae; it's also a moniker for Dionysus. 90% of the 'Zagreo' ferments and ages in *terracotta* / clay amphorae from Artenova in Toscana. These amphoras give just the right amount of oxygen to exalt the variet's aromatic intensity and complexity. 10% of this wine ferments and ages in gres amphorae from stoneware Francesco Tava in Trentino. They are less porous than the terracotta ones, and allow less oxygen. After racking, the wine goes back to the same amphorae for additional élevage and aging. The wine is bottled without any fining or filtration and the addition of 20 mg/L of SO2.

REGION: Campania **GROWING AREA:** Roccamonfina **FARMING:** Certified biodynamic by AgriBio-dinamica # IT BIO 002 **VINEYARD:** 3 Ha in Località Cacciagalli. **ALTITUDE:** 200 m / 656 ft
SOILS: 70% volcanic tuff; 30% loamy-clay **VARIETIES:** 100% Fiano
VINE AGE: 15 years old **VINE TRAINING:** guyot **HARVEST DATE:** Third week of September **YEASTS:** Native **FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE:** 2 months skins maceration and élevage in *terracotta* / clay amphorae
SULPHUR: 20 mg/L total SO2 added, two weeks before bottling
ALCOHOL: 12-13% **ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 580 cases