## DI MAJO NORANTE





#### PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Alessio Di Majo Norante
Winemaker: Riccardo Cotarella
Total acreage under vine: 213
Estate founded: 1968
Winery production: 80,000 Bottles
Region: Molise
Country: Italy

# Di Majo Norante Contado Riserva 2014

## WINE DESCRIPTION

The Contado Riserva is made from 100% Aglianico grapes grown in the southeastern region of Molise. The grapes are hand-harvested in late October and undergo an extended period of maceration to build incredible concentration and flavor. After fermentation in stainless steel, the wine is matured in a combination of stainless steel and barriques for eighteen months, resulting in a layered, complex wine.

#### TASTING NOTES

Ruby-red in color, aromas of ripe fruit and almonds complement undertones of leather and wood. On the palate, it is mellow and velvety with well-balanced tannins and a long finish.

#### FOOD PAIRING

This wine is ideal with savory foods, starters, game, and cheeses. Pair this wine with roasted beef, Madeira sauces, grilled venison steaks, and brisket.

## VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation: Molise DOC

Vineyard name: Ramitello C.Da Camarda

Vineyard size: 37.5

Soil composition: Clay and Sand

Training method: VSP
Elevation: 330 feet
Vines/acre: 1,760
Yield/acre: 3.2-4.0 tons
Exposure: Southeastern

Year vineyard planted: 1968
Harvest time: October
First vintage of this wine: 1968
Bottles produced of this wine: 80,000

## WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 100% Aglianico Fermentation container: Stainless steel tanks

Length of alcoholic fermentation: 15-20 days
Fermentation temperature: 77 °F
Maceration technique: Punchdown
Length of maceration: 30 days
Malolactic fermentation: Yes

Type of aging container: Barriques and Stainless steel tanks

Size of aging container: 228 L (Barriques)
Type of oak: French: Allier and Nevers

Length of aging before bottling: 18 months
Length of bottle aging: 6 months

