

Chapter 29  
Southern Italy

Region	Climate	Topography	Black grapes/style	White grapes/style	Winemaking	DOC/DOCG
Southern Italy (general)	Climate: Hot and Dry (humid near coast)	South of Lazio, including Puglia/Sicily Some vineyards on Appenine slopes - altitude (less heat) Sea breezes - flat Puglian terrain			Traditionally - vines bush trained close to ground (leaf cover to stop sunburn) Now - trining/trellising common - mechanisation	
CAMPANIA		Varied landscape = mountains, valleys, coastal plains	<b>Aglianico</b> Deep colour, high acid and tannin black fruit (earth/forest floor - age)	<b>Fiano</b> Med acid, med-full body, stone fruit, melon, mango (wax/honey - age) <b>Greco</b> More acid, lighter body, green apple, stone fruit, passion fruit (honey/mushroom -age)	Fiano = drink young but can be oak matured  Greco = stainless steel - some old oak/lees aging for texture  Aglianico = oak and bottle maturation	Fiano di Avellino DOCG  Greco di Tugo DOCG  Taurasi DOCG (Alianico)

BASILICATA		Very mountainous (vineyards up to 900 metres) - high plain surrounds extinct Monte Vulture volcano	<b>Aglianico</b>			Aglianico del Vulture DOC
PUGLIA		Vast agricultural area	<b>Negroamaro</b> Full body, med tannin and acid, high alcohol, baked red and black fruit <b>Primitivo</b> Full body, med tannin and acid, high alcohol, ripe red berry			Puglia IGT <i>High vol - early drinking</i>  Salice Salentino DOC (Negroamaro)
SICILY		Etna DOC = low yield vines/high altitude  Etna DOC <i>Blend of Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio - fragrant, high acid + tannin, sour red cherry, cranberry, dried herbs (bottle age - mushroom)</i> <i>White also made - med body high acid, citrus, stone, steel, (honey/wax - bottle)</i>	<b>Nero d'Avola</b> Med-full body, med acid and tannin, plums, black cherries  International varieties <b>Syrah</b>	Local white varieties  International varieties <b>Chardonnay</b>	Nero = fruity/easy drinking - some prods make more complex style	IGT Terre di Sicilia/Terre Siciliane <i>High vol/yield</i>  Sicilia DOC  Etna DOC