Chapter 29
Southern Italy

Vinspiration

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 - training/trellising common - mechanisation	
CAMPANIA		Varied landscape = mountains, valleys, coastal plains	**Aglianico** Deep colour, high acid and tannin black fruit (earth/forest floor - age)	**Fiano** Med acid, med-full body, stone fruit, melon, mango (wax/honey - age) **Greco** 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 Tufo DOCG Taurasi DOCG (Alianico)

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