## CASTEL DI PARANO ZINFANDEL

GRAPE VARIETY: Zinfandel APPELLATION: IGP

**PRODUCTION AREA:** province of Taranto, southeast Puglia **TRAINING SYSTEM:** 40 years-old traditional puglian bush vine **SOIL:** sandy

**PLANT DENSITY AND YIELD:** from 4000 to 4500 plants per hectare, with yields of about 0.75 kg of grapes per plant

**HARVEST:** The harvest is carried out in the early hours of dawn, avoiding high temperatures to preserve freshness and aromaticity

**VINIFICATION:** The grapes are destemmed and fermented at a controlled temperature of 25 °C for 8-10 days. A maceration on the skins follows, during 15-18 days, to improve the delicate extraction of tannins and flavors

**AGEING:** 3 months in American oak barrels and 6 months in stainless-steel tanks

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

CALORIES: 98 kcal / 100 ml

**TASTING NOTES:** deep ruby colour; pronounced bouquet of black berries, mainly cassis and blackcurrant, with notes of licorice and coconut; full-bodied and balanced, with velvety tannins and a perfect acidity; lingering finish of forest fruits and spices jam.

## SERVICE: 18 °C

**FOOD PAIRING:** well-seasoned main courses based on red sauces, meat and roasts; aged cheeses with intense flavors, forest mushrooms and game.



