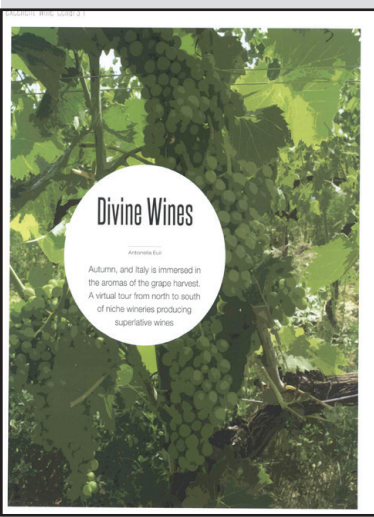




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In 1962 nineteen winemakers from the commune of San Marzano di San Giuseppe in Puglia came together in a collaborative enterprise. The Cantine San Marzano is now the leading wine producer in the region, a cooperative with around 1,200 growers. Side by side with modern, technologically-advanced equipment the production unit houses a barrel cellar with 3,000 French, American and Caucasian oak barriques. The re-establishment of the main native Puglian vine stock involved long, painstaking work in the vineyard and then in the cellar, and has produced excellent results for the most important varieties like Primitivo and Negroamaro. The most representative label is the Sessantanni, Primitivo di Manduria DOP. First produced in 2000, it has become an emblem for Puglia's wine-making industry in general. We are in the heart of Primitivo di Manduria DOC, on the border between San Marzano and Sava, now called "Valle del Sessantanni". The red soil here is low in organic substances and experiences little rainfall, but is rich in the iron oxides that give wine its famous red colour. This single vineyard marks a change of direction for the entire region, becoming the standard bearer for the Renaissance in the wines of Salento. Its unique style is an international benchmark for Primitivo wines. cantinesanmarzano.com

