



Italy, Campania: New Releases

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When I last covered the wines of Campania, I had the opportunity to detail the main subregions in greater detail. These include the provinces of Caserta, Benevento, Avellino, Napoli and Salerno. You can find that information [here](#).

This batch of new releases includes wines from the difficult 2014 vintage, the impressive 2015 vintage and the equally pleasing 2016 vintage. It's a mixed bag stemming from three separate tasting sessions, two of which were in Avellino.

Among the most exciting discoveries I made is the Feudi Studi series that represents experimental, single-vineyard expressions by Feudi di San Gregorio.



I owe a deep debt of gratitude to the fantastic team behind the Campania Stories tasting event organized by Miriade & Partners. Pictured here (from left to right) is sommelier Serena De Vita, Massimo Iannaccone (in the last row), Diana Cataldo and Alfredo Mazza. They also run a website—www.campaniastories.com—that is an excellent resource in Italian for lovers of Campania wine.



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2014 Di Meo Greco di Tufo G

The 2014 Greco di Tufo G is a simple and fresh white wine with pretty aromas of citrus, white peach and crushed granite. The wine is lean in terms of mouthfeel with compact consistency. Drink this crisp Italian white within the next 18 months.

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2008 Di Meo Taurasi Riserva T

The 2008 Taurasi Riserva T sees fruit sourced from 25-year-old vines in the Vigna Olmo plot that is planted 850 meters above sea level. That high altitude helps to keep the fruit crunchy and snappy despite the wine's evolved personality. This vintage also shows a distant touch of volatility that puts a magnifying glass to the overall intensity of the bouquet. Red cherry and blackberry is followed by dark fruit and smoked spice. I would suggest a slightly shorter drinking window in the case of this Taurasi Riserva.

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2004 Di Meo Don Generoso

Opening to a black and impenetrable appearance, the 2004 Don Generoso is a brooding and powerful wine with thick layers of inky intensity. The wine feels infused with volcanic energy with elements of ash and smoke that rise from the bouquet. This wine will not appeal to all. Its jolting intensity is a lot to absorb. Don "Generoso" is a promise more than a name. The wine finishes with a heavy load of aged fruit flavors and savory spice.

- **Monica Larner (October, 2016)**

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