



Morrone

The wines of the Morrone della Monica Vineyard come from most easterly location on the foothill of Monte Friento and from the only site that faces due south.

The gradient is more than 30%, so exposure to the sun is fairly strong.

As a result the wines coming from this terroir are full-bodied, generous and intense.



Appellation:

Grapes:

Vineyard:

Altitude:

Vinification:

Refining:

Alcohol:

Acidity:

pH:

Extract:

IGT Terre del Volturno

Pallagrello Bianco

Morrone della Monica in Pontelatone

350 m a.s.l.

2/3 in stainless steel at the temperature of 13°/14°C for 1 month; 1/3 on the finer lees in wood casks for 9 months

In the bottle for 24 months

13%

6 g/l

3.18

24 g/l

Reviews

VINTAGE 2023

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Wine Advocate – 90

Here is another carefully made expression of this locally appreciated white grape. The Alois 2023 Pallagrello Bianco Morrone is partially fermented in oak (about one-third of the total, with the rest going into stainless steel). This mid-weight expression shows opulent tones of orchard fruit, pear and Golden Delicious apple. Fruit comes from a site measuring just over two hectares with limestone soils, which make a good match to this native grape. This is a production of 3,000 bottles and 200 magnums to be released in 2026.

Wine Enthusiast – 90

The nose is sweet and creamy, with aromas of yogurt, yellow apple, honeysuckle and marzipan, while the palate becomes nutty and salty, even as the honey and tree fruit elements linger as undertones, and a bit of the fermented creaminess returns on the finish to give texture.

VINTAGE 2022

James Suckling – 91

Dried lemons, pears and sage on the nose of this medium-bodied white. Touch of gingerbread. It's savory and compact with a subtle spicy edge. Drink now.

Vinous – 92

Nuances of almond paste mingle with freshly sliced pears and sweet spice as the 2022 Pallagrello Bianco Morrone opens in the glass. The palate is soft and round, showing depths of ripe apricot complemented by minty herbs and a tinge of candied citrus. Subtle mineral tones linger, joined by a pleasantly bitter sensation that keeps the mouth watering for more. This finishes with admirable length yet remains potent.

VINTAGE 2021

James Suckling – 91

A intriguing nose with hints of poached pear, grapefruit and an intense floral bouquet. The medium-bodied palate is correspondingly intense and flavorful, but everything remains light-footed with nicely balanced, fresh acidity. Easy drinking and good as an aperitif, too. Drink now.

Wine Advocate – 91

This is a special wine that is born in a little patch of limestone soil measuring just over two hectares. This indigenous white grape was especially matched to this vineyard that also boasts slightly cooler conditions at a breezy 350 meters above sea level. The Alois 2021 Pallagrello Bianco Morrone (with a newly designed label) was aged in stainless steel with a third ending up in oak. There are orchard fruit aromas and some baked pear with very delicate hints of saffron and nutmeg. Production in this vintage was limited to 3,000 bottles and 200 magnums.