



Poggio Anima 'Lilith' Primitivo

Basilicata - Italy 2012

A collaboration between famed Brunello di Montalcino producer Riccardo Campinoti and his importer from Vine Street, Ronnie Sanders, whose wines attract as much attention for what's on the label as what's in the bottle. Poggio Anima is designed to over-deliver for its modest price point.

According to Jewish folklore, Lilith was the first wife of Adam. She was banished from the Garden of Eden when she refused to make herself subservient to Adam's sexual requests. When she was cast out of the Garden, she was made into a demon, and Adam was given a second wife, Eve, who was fashioned from his rib to ensure her obedience to her man. Where Adam was created from dust, Lilith was created from filth and sediment. Primitivo refuses to be submissive to the oenology that it is the same grape as its close relative Zinfandel. Many subscribe to this idea, though they are both mutations of Crljenak, a Croatian varietal. Primitivo always brings plenty of flesh and ripeness to the table with a solid spine of certainty and structure.

The vineyard is located in Nova Siri, in the province of Matera. Here the warm southern Italian sun rises on the Ionian coast of Basilicata. The fermentation is carry out with natural native yeasts present in the vineyard, the crushed grapes undergo a cold soak for a few days and the cap is managed by punching down. After the primary fermentation, the wine undergoes an extended maceration of 3 weeks, after which it is racked into a stainless tanks where the malolactic fermentation occurs followed by aging for 8 months.

Composition

100% Primitivo

Production

1,400 cases

Soils

Brown Clay & Stone

Vine Age

16 years

Yields

3.4 tons/acre

Élevage

80% Stainless Steel - 20% French barrique (10 months)

Tasting Notes

“ A dark, juicy, fruit-forward red, delivering layers of jammy plum and wild berry notes propped against medium tannins and a tangy, herb-tinged finish. ”

Reviews

None on Current Vintage