



## PIETRACUPA GRECO DI TUFO 2009

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Somewhere during the Greek empire's expansion came the Grecian vines that were to plant out most of Italy – Greco, from the word Greek, became one of the most popular 'varieties', particularly in the original cult Falernian wines. Zip forward a hell of a lot of time and you get more isolated plantings of the ancestral relative of these original vines/variety, with Campania as the torchbearer.

This producer is a relative new-comer to the winemaking scene, but has rapidly ascended the rungs for quality of wine. A champion of a smaller estate in the relatively unsung Montefredane village of Campania, wine grower Safino Loffredo has chosen his site for soil profiles and elevation. The vineyard sits on volcanic rock soils, so the wines can taste distinctly of this earth derived inflection by throwing up interesting minerality. Greco, or Greco di Tufo from this region, is a relatively late ripening variety that tends to change to a golden-grey colour after veraison, is known for its inherent golden colour, even when young, and shows more naturally pronounced phenolics. Just thought you should know. Oh, and it is an DOCG wine.

Straw gold colour tinged with bronze. Smells like apricot cobbler and hay with a faint estery note. Complex and inviting, the opulence of the aromatics are backed up well in the layered chewiness of the palate. Ripe orchard fruits up front, then a belt of lime with wet stone and chalky acidity. The wine has a steely border while showing textural richness throughout and finishes faintly herbal and crunchy. Refreshing and mouthwatering white. Importer: Addley Clark Fine Wine

Rated : 92 Points

Tasted : NOV11

Alcohol : 13%

Price : \$32

Closure : Cork

Drink : 2011 - 2015