

*'As a whole, Irpinia is potentially as complex and rich as the Côte d'Or'*

throughout Irpinia; now 562ha are cultivated in the DOCG zone. Greco and Aglianico have similar histories. Back then, Mastroberardino's were almost the only wines of the region on the global market, and not many others were available in Italy.

At Bianchiripinia, 41 producers showed 33

examples of Greco and 38 of Fiano. That is a tremendous explosion of production. Many of these wineries – Picariello, Donnachiarra, Feudi di San Gregorio, Villa Raiano to name a few – are already producing world-class wines.

Of those 33 Grecos and 38 Fianos, I gave ratings of 17/20 points or higher (90/100 points) to 27 Grecos and 26 Fianos – a percentage that retrospectively I find staggering. This is not typical for me for any other class of wines. Even allowing for all the vagaries of a single taster on a single occasion, in the glasses the wines clearly showed the wonderful potential of this still too-little-known region. **D**

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## Maresca's top 2011 whites from Campania

The best producers regard 2011 as a very good vintage but not as great as the superb 2010 (some wines may still be available: look especially for single-vineyard wines). I'd estimate that these Grecos will be fresh and pleasing for the next four or five years. The Fianos should last twice as long, growing more elegant and distinguished as they age.

### Tenuta Sarno 1860, Fiano di Avellino

19/20pts (96/100pts)

N/A UK [www.tenutasarno1860.it](http://www.tenutasarno1860.it)

Intense mineral and dried white fruit in nose and mouth, pears, hazelnuts and flint in the finish. **Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13%



### Terredora, Fiano di Avellino

18.5 (95)

£16.50 Tanners

Delightful hazelnuts and pear fruit on the nose and palate, fine racy acidity and good body.

**Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13%



### Villa Raiano, Contrada Marotta Greco di Tufo

18.5 (95)

POA **Prestige Food & Wine**

Nuts and green olives and earth all through nose and palate. Persistent, with a marked mushroom and nut finish.

**Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13.5%



### Cantina del Barone, Particella 928 Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

N/A UK [www.cantinadelbarone.it](http://www.cantinadelbarone.it)

Toasted nuts, flowers, minerals; a tiny touch of wood on nice Fiano flavours; long dried white fruit finish. **Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13%

### Donnachiarra, Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

POA **Enologia**

Chablis-like nose and palate of

mineral, herb, and nuts. Balanced and elegant. **Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13%

### Donnachiarra, Greco di Tufo

18 (93)

POA **Enologia**

Classic Greco aromas and flavours, with invigorating acidity. **Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13%



### Feudi di San Gregorio, Pietracalda Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

£17.75–£22 **AG Wines, Carruthers & Kent, Enotria, Great Western, Harper Wells, Mill Hill Wines, Winedirect**

Marked minerality, with flowers and nuts. Round, with good weight. Nice fruit and leather finish. **Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13.5%

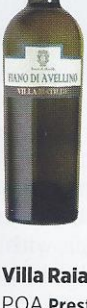
### Pietracupa, Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

£20.99 **AG Wines, Astrum**

Excellent Fiano character throughout: dried white fruits predominating.

**Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13%



### Villa Matilde, Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

£17.25–£20 **Christopher Piper Wines, Eurowines**

Herbal, mineral, floral nose; palate round and soft, with hazelnuts and minerals; long flinty finish.

**Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13.5%

### Villa Raiano, Alimata Fiano di Avellino

18 (93)

POA **Prestige Food & Wine**

Good Fiano fruit-and-mineral character throughout, sustained by fine acidity.

**Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13.5%



### Feudi di San Gregorio, Cutizzi Greco di Tufo

17.5 (91)

£18.25–£22 **AG Wines, Carruthers & Kent, Corks of Cotham, Enotria, Great Western Wine, Hedley Wright, Quintessentially, Swig, Winebear**

Vigorous and acidic, with olives and nuts strong on the finish.

**Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 14%



Green olives, earth and nuts on the nose, lots of bright fruit on the palate. **Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13.5%

### Mastroberardino, Novaserra Greco di Tufo

17.5 (91)

£23.63 **Mondial**

Quite fine: live and limber, but still deep and complex.

**Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13.5%

### Mastroberardino, Radici Fiano di Avellino

17.5 (91)

£23.63 **Mondial**

Flint and white flowers on the nose and in the mouth; dried pears and hazelnuts on the finish: very nice. **Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13.5%

### Picariello, Fiano di Avellino

17.5 (91)

£20 **HS Fine Wines, Berry Bros & Rudd**

Lovely gentle hazelnut nose, bright

nut-and-mineral palate, elegant

nut-and-leather finish: nice.

**Drink** 2013–2020 **Alc** 13.5%



### Pietracupa, Greco di Tufo

17.5 (91)

£21–£23 **AG Wines, Astrum, Wined Up Here**

Minerals, nuts and mushroom aroma and flavour with vibrant acidity. **Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13.5%

### Terredora, Loggia della Serra Greco di Tufo

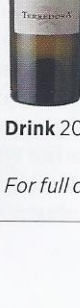
17.5 (91)

£15.95 **Tanners, Winetraders**

Lively minerals and mushrooms

on the palate and in the finish.

**Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 13%



### Villa Matilde, Greco di Tufo

17 (90)

£20 **Eurowines**

Vigorous and acidic, with olives

and nuts strong on the finish.

**Drink** 2013–2015 **Alc** 14%

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