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“...debet in spe qui arat arare”


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2025

Paterico 2021
99/100

renelangdahl
din vinven

Gian Luca Mazzella og hans utrolige
taurasi



I have never tasted such great wine from the Aglianico grape! And I actually don't think I've ever tasted such a great red wine at all from a producer who has only released two vintages so far

— Rene Langdahl Jørgensen



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“Very low yield, up to 3 months of maceration on the skins, Paterico is the evolution of Taurasi: less impactful tannins and richer fruit, with a persuasive balsamic and Mediterranean character.”

— Luciano Ferraro/James Suckling

Among the 100 best Wine and Wineries of Italy:

Region Campania

Mazzella - Gianluca Mazzella



Paterico 2020
96/100 pts

Livets Goda

TAURASI / LIVETS GODA
SWEDEN



"His wines are like very few others. Mazzella creates a wine reminiscent of both Soldera's Case Basse and the finest Barolos. His 2020 Paterico is as commanding as it is soft and broad, featuring velvety tannins, notes of red grapes and aromatic herbs, and a long, elegant finish. The 2021 vintage of the same wine will be released in 2026; it is slightly more intense in color and fruit, yet maintains its broad, lean style and persistent length."

— Anders Melldén



Paterico 2021
97/100 pts



Campania Stories 2025 Part Two: Buyer's Guide Rosso e Rosato

“Uncompromisingly firm, stately, savoury, ageworthy wines. Think old Conterno or Giacosa or Soldera or Biondi Santi. Sets a new paradigm for Taurasi.”

—John Szabo, Master Sommelier

Campania



DOCGs

- 1 Aglianico del Taburno
- 2 Fiano di Avellino
- 3 Greco di Tufo
- 4 Taurasi

DOCs

- 5 Aversa
- 6 Campi Flegrei
- 7 Capri
- 8 Casavecchia di Pontelatone
- 9 Castel San Lorenzo
- 10 Cilento
- 11 Costa d'Amalfi
- 12 Falanghina del Sannio
- 13 Falerno del Massico
- 14 Galluccio
- 15 Irpinia
- 16 Ischia
- 17 Penisola Sorrentina
- 18 Sannio
- 19 Vesuvio

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Aglianico is one of the great red varieties of Italy I love its pot pourri-like perfume, spicy and floral with a dusting of savoury dark fruit and leathery notes.

Seek out the wines of former theology student Gian Luca Mazzella. Paterico, a trademarked name derived from the Patericon, an important series of books on theology, is the only wine made at Mazzella's tiny estate, first released with the 2019 vintage. But Mazzella is hardly new to the business; he has been in the fine wine business as a consultant to a long list of famous estates, and especially a wine lover, for over 30 years. Quality aspirations are at the highest level, with yields kept to about a quarter of the regional average. Mazzella farms six high elevation parcels, the highest of which is at 530m near the village of Paternopoli where the winery itself is located.



Rewriting Italian wine
history

IL MATTINO

[Paterico, un grande vino che può
riscrivere la storia](#)



“A wine **capable of writing—and rewriting—an important part of Italian winemaking history.** Paterico Taurasi Riserva 2020 surprises with its rigor and elegance. On the nose, it has a strong impact with marked spicy notes, deep fruit, and a balsamic charm that opens up the breath. The sip combines substance and lightness, supported by well-integrated acidity and sapidity; the tannins are chiseled, almost sculpted. **In short, a great wine.** “

— Antonello Plati



“Mazzella is a genius of winemaking”.

S SOMMELIER TIMES

[Taurasi wine from southern Italy, a wine that has permeated history](#)



“Taurasi Riserva Paterico 2020 - The first nose reveals the freshness of orange peel, followed by gentle tobacco and hints of dark chocolate, intertwined with the scent of the sea. Fruity aromas of raspberry and red cherry captivate, and the finish is refined and delicate, with captivating violet nuances lingering. The texture itself is exceptional, but the dense tannins evoke a sense of bliss. Down to the last drop, the resemblance to a Monvigliero Barolo remains undeniable.”

“This is a magical wine that inspires exclamations like: - Wow, Aglianico grapes can reach such heights”

— Nan-Young Baek, journalist and Langhe Ambassador



2025

Paterico 2021 96/100	<small>Antonio Galloni</small> vinous	2021 Mazzella Taurasi Riserva Paterico
<p>“The 2021 is pure elegance. Incredibly long finale. Harmonious, refined and structured for a long and glorious evolution. 96/100”</p> <p>— Eric Guido, Vinous - Antonio Galloni</p>		

“It is almost more an essence of Aglianico than a wine”	<u>CORRIERE DEL TICINO</u>	Il Tesoro nascosto in terra d’Irpinia
<p>“Gian Luca Mazzella is taking Taurasi to the next level. Following a philosophy similar to that of the iconoclastic Burgundian Lalou Bize-Leroy of Domaine Leroy, his 5 hectares of vineyards produce only 4,500 bottles. It is almost more an essence of Aglianico than a wine.”</p> <p>— Robin Kick, Master of Wine</p>		



"powerful, fresh,
and long-lived
Taurasi"

CORRIERE DELLA SERA

Il Taurasi potente e longevo
di un teologo-giornalista
con San Paolo sull'etichetta



"Very low yield (**9 hectoliters per hectare**), ancient and usual winemaking practices, up to three months of maceration on the skins. A powerful, fresh, and long-lived Taurasi."

— Luciano Ferraro



quickly won over
international
critics

VINHOS E VIVÊNCIAS 

Taurasi além do óbvio: três
vinícolas, três visões da Irpinia



"The style combines density, vibrant acidity, and elegance—characteristics that quickly won over international critics and repositioned Taurasi within the panorama of Italy's great age-worthy wines."

— Cynthia Malacarne



**Winemaker of the
year:
Gian Luca Mazzella**



[Winemaker of the Year \(1\) – Gian Luca Mazzella](#)



“Gian Luca Mazzella is the winemaker of the year. Because he created probably the best new high-class red wine. The Paterico 2019 simply tastes delicious – incredibly delicious, in fact.”

— Manfred Klimek



A wine as God
intended

weinkenner

[Paterico von Mazzella: ein Taurasi
der etwas anderen Art](#)



“Only two wines in Italy are comparable to Paterico: **the Brunello di Montalcino from Case Basse and the Barolo Riserva Monfortino from Giovanni Conterno.**

— Jens Priewe



the best wine I've drunk
from Italy in 2024

DER
FEINSCHMECKER

Das JAHR in 2024
WEINEN

2019 Taurasi Riserva „Paterico“, Gian Luca Mazzella (Campania)

This Taurasi is pretty much the best thing I've drunk from Italy in 2024. Perfectly balanced, berry-like, aromatically precise – a red wine of immaculate beauty. Only the price and the winemaker are crazy about it. Gian Luca Mazzella studied theology, but he was too free-spirited for a career in the Vatican. He first switched to the consulting business, then to journalism, before acquiring some parcels with old vines in the hinterland of Naples and creating a wine as God intended.

— Jens Priewe

Paterico 2019
95+/100

Antonio Galloni
vinOUS

[2019 Mazzella](#)
[Taurasi Riserva Paterico](#)

“The 2019 Taurasi Riserva Paterico pulls the taster close to the glass as it slowly unfurls, mixing crushed ashen stones with aromas of underbrush, wilted violet, black currants and exotic spice. 95+/100”

— Eric Guido, Vinous - Antonio Galloni



2024

19 pts/20

SCHWEIZERISCHE
WEINZEITUNG

Paterico: Grand Vin aus
Aglianico von Gian Luca
Mazzella



“Dense, juicy, fine tannins, good essence, delicate acidity. Long. 19/20”

— Hans Martin Gesellmann



Shade of Burgundy
in Southern Italy

Matthew Horkey



Matthew Horkey si trova presso **Paternopoli**. · [Segui](#)

26 Dic 2024 · 🌐

🍷 Shades of Burgundy in Southern Italy.

🇮🇹 With miniscule yields and a tiny production of around 5k bottles a year, Gian Luca Mazzella produces the most elegant Taurasi that I've ever tasted.

🍇 After tasting the three inaugural vintages I proclaimed, "This reminds me of Mazis-Chambertin!" Fellow taster, MW, & Burgundy expert [Robin Kick MW](#) didn't disagree...



— Matthew Horkey



wonderfully harmonious
and seamless already—as
only great wines can be

MAISON È

[Gian Luca Mazzella](#)
[No Star Is Born](#)



The dark, fresh wild berries and eucalyptus on the nose are initially reminiscent of great Piedmontese wines. It has a very clear and pure style. Despite its richness—we're in southern Italy after all—the wine never seems overpowering. Those who know Aglianico as a rather rustic grape variety will be pleasantly surprised by the inspiring freshness and finesse as well as the moderate alcohol content of 13.5 percent. **It's wonderfully harmonious and seamless already—as only great wines can be!**

— Clemens Riedl



Inspiring and
impressive

Fred Nijhuis

Paterico, inspirerend en
indrukwekkend



“Gian Luca Mazzella shows a little-known side of Taurasi and pushes the boundaries in the region. Inspiring and impressive.”

— Thim Vernooij



**PATERICO 2019
JUNE 24TH, 2024**

WORLD PREMIERE

EGON MÜLLER TASTING

WORLD PREMIERE

2019
Paterico

DATE

10 June 2024
15:30 Tasting
19:00 Dinner

LOCATION

Weingut Egon Müller
Scharzhof
54459 Wiltingen

SUPPORTING WINE

2019 Haut-Brion
2019 Vosne-Romanée Premier Cru Aux Brûlées, Méo-Camuzet
2019 Solaia, Marchesi Antinori
2019 Ornellaia
2019 Pingus
1999 Margaux (Doppelmagnum)
and more

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INVITATION

Dear ~~VINIFICATION~~

When the first sip of a wine makes the world stand still, it's pure magic. The realization of having something really great in your glass - priceless. About a year ago, I was able to experience just such a moment when tasting the 2019 Paterico Taurasi Riserva from Gian Luca Mazzella.

I cordially invite you to taste this exceptional wine with us in a selected group of 12 participants.

This Paterico has the potential to become a legend. - "Drink it, to believe it."

Winemaker Gian Luca Mazzella will be present in person to share his philosophy with us. The tasting will take place at the Scharzhof estate of Egon Müller out of old ties. It is therefore to be assumed that there will also be one or more Scharzhofberger, but it is clear that Paterico will play the leading role on this day.

Please confirm your participation by phone or e-mail no later than May 24. We are happy to help organize overnight accommodation.

The legend is calling.

I am delighted that you will be there.

Nedjelko Mrcela



Egal ob
76er Scharzhofberger
Beerenauslese
oder 2019 Paterico
oder 1999 Chateau Margaux
stets der beste Service!



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Audio originale



weinart.de Hier serviert der Chef noch selbst - anlässlich der Paterico 2019 Taurasi Riserva DOCG Weltpremiere.

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dertschebull Bravo Willi..!



82 sett Mi piace: 1 Rispondi



Piace a **hermannhohle** e altri

19 giugno 2024



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