

Sant'Agata Dei Goti



This little town has Samnite-Roman origins. Its name is associated with a colony of Goth warriors who survived Totila's defeat in 553 and settled in the area as Empire's citizens. Important gastaldato under the Longobard domination, then it underwent the Norman rule and, in 1100, it welcomed Pope Pasquale II. During the feudalism, it belonged to the Della Ratta family, then to the Acquaviva, to the Coscia and finally to the Carafa, until the end of feudalism. Diocese from the 10th c., among the most important bishops that ruled here Felice Peretti, Pope Sisto V and Sant'Alfonso de' Liguori, founder of the Congregazione dei Redentoristi (Congregation of the Redemptorists) and author of the Christmas carol "Tu scendi dalle stelle", are noteworthy. The built-up area, situated on a tuff spur surrounded by deep gorges dug by the torrents Riello and Martorano, has perfectly preserved its natural beauty, enriched, over the years, with architectural elements. The name of St. Agata dei Goti is connected to the homonymous d.o.c. wine that, in its white, red, rosé, piedirosso, aglianico, greco and falanghina versions, goes well with all typical Samnite dishes. Web references:

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