



Salvatore Aceto on drones over Amalfi's lemon terraces

Posted on June 4, 2026 by Alina Trabattoni, Sabina Castelfranco

AMALFI, Campania — On a terrace clinging to a cliff high above the town, in the Valle dei Mulini, Italy's brightest lemons are still picked by hand, knee and back. We met Salvatore Aceto, whose family has worked these near-vertical slopes since 1825. Now he is preparing something new for the punishing harvest. Drones. After a first demonstration a couple of weeks ago, he says he is ready to deploy them within the year to carry loads up and down terraces too steep for any machinery. It could be a revolution, he says, not only for growers but for the coast's many abandoned buildings.

Register for full Italy Now access - it's free

Login

or continue with



Google

Don't have an account? [Register Here](#)