

SICILY

NERO D'AVOLA

TOP 5

Nero d'Avola



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100%

The symbol of Sicilian viniculture, the origins of this red berry grape are rather uncertain, even if it comes from, as the name implies, the area of Avola. In the past, it appears that this variety was also called Calabrese.

The Nero d'Avola is now found all over Sicily, from its historic production zone to its presence in the Eastern part of the island.

Complicit in its proliferation are its good adaptation to the climatic conditions and the thick skin that allows it to

resist different parasites. The Nero d'Avola exemplifies the strong character of Sicily, giving life to a wine with body, structure, and even an elevated alcohol content.

It is because of this last characteristic that the Nero d'Avola was often used in the past, as a blending wine. Today in order to conserve this predisposition during the production process, the Nero d'Avola is often vinified alone, thus expressing the qualities of the different wine-producing areas, in which it grows.

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GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 YEARS)



LONG (more than 15 years)

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Terre Siciliane IGT Duca Enrico 2012

DUCA DI SALAPARUTA

Somewhat particular on the nose, with alternations of sweet spices and cedar wood. The dark fruity aspect avoids becoming too invasive as it translates into bramble and notes of black currant. In the mouth, juicy and pulpy along with earthy and balsamic notes. Salty tannins.



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Noto DOC Santa Cecilia 2013

PLANETA

From the southernmost part of Sicily. Citrus aromas followed by sensations that recall dark fruit. Until mid-mouth, demonstrating a drinkability based on the juiciness of sour cherry, blackberry, and balsamic notes. Finish a little less streamlined by virtue of a bit of wood that will disappear in time. Flavorful tannins.



90



Terre Siciliane IGT Passo delle Mule 2015

DUCA DI SALAPARUTA

Balsamic from geraniums on the nose followed by dark fruit and aromatic herbs. In the mouth, the fruity refrain returns with a bit of added kirsch. The aromatic herbs are substituted by pungent spices that evoke licorice and cloves. Flavorful finish as well as tannins.



90



Sicilia DOC Nero d'Avola Lagnusa 2015

FEUDO MONTONI

A nose of whispering fruit completed by notes of blossom and hibiscus. In the mouth, red fruit returns, this time strawberry, to which some spicy touches are added, dominating the sip's not typical, but very refined finish. Powdery tannins.



89



Sicilia-Noto DOC Doppiozeta 2014

ZISOLA

Nose conditioned by wood with an abundance of spiciness. The sip manages to demonstrate an intense fruity side that is also adequately elegant, bringing together the sweetness of blackberry with more bitter notes, which add impulses such as cassis and black current. Woody finish. Acidic tannins.



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