

Dorilli 2020

Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico DOCG

70% Nero d'Avola - 30% Frappato



FIRST VINTAGE
2009

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Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico Dorilli represents for us the quintessence of this noble wine. It is produced with careful selection from the vines which surround the beautiful and unique Dorilli estate, named for the nearby river Dirillo, legendary landing place of brave Aeneas. The wine has a fine and elegant character, fruit of the union between the noble Nero d'Avola and Frappato di Vittoria, Iblean vines par excellence, and lightly touched by its maturation in wood. This is a limited production for those who love the small Italian denominations, witnesses of the uniqueness of our land and our history.

TYPE OF SOIL: the principal characteristic of soils of the Cerasuolo di Vittoria area is that of a sandy texture; the soils are mainly constituted of loose red sand with a structure of small dimension, moderately deep; at about 90cm lies a layer of tufa, very important for the water-holding capacity of the soil and thus for the water balance of the plants.

ALTITUDE: 80 metres above sea level.

YIELD PER HECTARE: Nero d'Avola 65 quintal; Frappato 55 quintal.

TRAINING SYSTEM: espalier with spurred cordon system of pruning.

PLANTING DENSITY: 5.050 plants per hectare

METHOD OF CULTIVATION: according to the criteria of organic agriculture and SOStain® protocols; ground cover with beans, vetch and wild plants to increase the organic material and nitrogen content to encourage the vitality of the soil's vitality; plant health is sustained with sulphur and copper in minimal quantities; phytophages are attacked with useful insects, sexual confusion and application of natural restoratives such as zeolite, kaolin and vegetable extracts.

HARVESTING PERIOD: Frappato 16th September; Nero d'Avola 22nd and 23rd September.

VINIFICATION: The grapes are gathered by hand and transported to the winery in small trolleys. Once at the winery they are destemmed and pressed, then sent to stainless steel tanks of 100 and 150 hl. The grapes are stirred three times a day, with very short periods of pumping over –

between 10 and 25 minutes – according to the phase of fermentation, to prevent damage to the skins and fruit as much as possible. Once fermentation is complete, the skins remain in contact with the wine for 15/18 days, then are racked off. Malolactic fermentation occurs in the same tanks, and once complete – between December and January – maturation begins in oak barrels of 26 to 36 hl for 12 months.

MATURATION: oak barrels of 36 hl.

BOTTLING: July 2022.

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12,60% vol.

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5,49 g/l

PH: 3,35

AGEING CAPACITY: allow aging for 5/10 years.

BOTTLE SIZE: 0,75 l

WEIGHT OF BOTTLE: 400 g

CORK: single-piece natural cork.

TASTING NOTES: It almost seems that the wine takes its ruby-violet colour from the red sands of these vineyards of Nero d'Avola and Frappato. The aromas of ripe black cherry combine with those of cardamom, vanilla and cinnamon. The tannin, ripe, soft and rounded, dissolves in the mouth thanks to an incredible softness of the fruit. The oriental spices mix within the complex flavours of smoked pancetta, cooked must, marjoram and prickly pear.

PAIRING: Extraordinary with roast pork spareribs, well spiced and peppered. The wine's flavoursome complexity pairs well with stewed or poached blue fish and can also bear matching with recipes of spiced fish in Asian style.

NOTES ON THE VINTAGE - VITTORIA 2020

Never before 2020 has our team lived so closely with and with such concentration on the grape harvest. It is an opportunity to say 'from necessity comes virtue'.

The vineyard was at the centre of our lives and our attention. Nature, differently from humanity, never stops, and we were following close behind. With nature almost seeming to excuse itself, we were supported with well-timed rainfall and a particularly mild summer through the whole of Sicily. This brought about a truly memorable harvest, somewhat mean in quantity but always perfect for quality. In particular, at Vittoria as in the rest of the south-east, the summer temperatures were not excessive, the grapes were perfectly healthy, using the abundant water reserves from the winter rainfall, and became gradually more concentrated both with fruit and structure. Frappato is definitely in a state of grace, and Nero d'Avola is elegant. We believe that the Dorilli vintage will have a long and happy aging.