



Planeta

Planeta Alastro Bianco is a delicately structured Sicilian white wine, blending the native Grecanico with the aromatic Sauvignon Blanc for a refreshing and vibrant experience.

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Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 85% Grecanico, 15% Sauvignon Blanc

Alastro Bianco 2023

Sicily, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Planeta Alastro Bianco is produced in the **Menfi DOC**, a region renowned for its rich viticultural heritage and diverse microclimates. The vineyards are located in the district of **Sambuca di Sicilia (AG)**, specifically in the **Ulmo** vineyard, which lies at an altitude of 200 to 250 meters above sea level. The soils here are medium-textured, moderately deep, and rich in pebbles, lime, and areas of dark organic matter.

The vines are cultivated according to organic agriculture principles and the **SOSTain® protocol**, which includes ground cover with clover, vetch, yellow mustard, and wild plants to increase organic substance and nitrogen content, aiding the welfare of the soil's microfauna. Plant health is protected by small quantities of sulfur and copper, with the use of beneficial insects and natural restoratives such as zeolite and kaolin.

Winemaking

Planeta Alastro Bianco is a blend of **85% Grecanico** and **15% Sauvignon Blanc**. The grapes are handpicked at different times from August 21st to September 25th and immediately brought to the cellar. They are crushed and destemmed, with the must kept refrigerated at 3°C-5°C for 4-5 days. Afterward, the clear part of the must is decanted and fermented at approximately 14°C for 18-20 days.

Post-fermentation, the wine is left on its finest lees with weekly stirring in stainless steel tanks. This process imparts additional complexity and richness to the wine. The wine is then bottled in February, ready to be enjoyed immediately or aged for 4-5 years, thanks to the surprising aging capacity of Grecanico.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** The wine displays a very light yellow color with green nuances, indicating its vitality and potential for longevity.
- **Aroma:** The nose is particularly aromatic, with notes of mountain herbs, yellow flowers, and French honeysuckle honey. Subtle hints of Williams pear, aromatic citrus, saffron, and flint add complexity.
- **Palate:** On the palate, it is fresh and vibrant yet creamy and silky, with flavors of white peach emerging. The contrast between freshness and creaminess provides a delightful drinking experience.



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Did you know?

Planeta Alastro is named after a wildflower that grows around the winery. This wine has been a staple of Planeta's offerings since the first vintage in 1995, consistently reflecting the winery's commitment to sustainability and organic practices.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Warm salad of seafood:** The freshness of the wine complements the delicate flavors of the seafood, enhancing the dish's overall profile.
- **Spicy Asiatic dishes with sweet-sour sauce:** The wine's aromatic intensity and slight sweetness balance the heat and complexity of Asian spices.
- **Mediterranean pasta dishes:** Its vibrant acidity and creamy texture pair wonderfully with tomato-based sauces and Mediterranean herbs.
- **Vegetarian recipes:** The wine's herbaceous and floral notes highlight the freshness of vegetable-based dishes, making it an excellent choice for vegetarian cuisine.



Robert Parker (RP) : 87 Points (2020)

A blend of 80% Grecanico and 20% Sauvignon Blanc, the Planeta 2020 Sicilia Menfi Alastro has two main components to the bouquet. The first is crushed stone and the second is fragrant white flower, like lemon or peach blossom. This white is thin and snappy with a charming sense of accessibility and ease of drinking. Production stands at about 100,000 bottles.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 91 Points (2018)

The sweetly perfumed 2018 Il Bianco La Segreta mixes honeyed florals with ripe apples, apricots and hints of hazelnut to create a deeply seductive display. It's silky-smooth with medium-bodied weight, offset by a wave of salty acids, minerals and citrus-infused green apple. The balance of richness and contrasting components dazzles the senses. This lingers long with a hint of custard while remaining perfectly refreshing. The 2019 Il Bianco, a blend of 50% Grecanico, 30% Chardonnay, 10% Viognier and 10% Fiano, punches well above its price point.



Decanter (DCT) : 93 Points (2017)

I love this fresh, modern take on an Etna white wine, with its controlled and precise nose of honey hints, white flowers and ripe limes. The palate is invigorating, juicy and lively. Full and rich but bursting with tangy, lime-juicy brightness. Vivacious and delicious.

