

Planeta

Discover the remarkable intensity and complexity of Planeta Burdese, a Sicilian red that beautifully marries the depth of Cabernet Sauvignon with the elegance of Cabernet Franc .

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Burdese 2018

Sicily, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Planeta Burdese hails from the **Menfi DOC** in Sicily, an area renowned for its diverse microclimates and rich viticultural history. The Menfi territory, located at an altitude of 400 meters, is home to over 250 hectares of vineyards. The **Dispensa vineyard**, dedicated to **Cabernet Sauvignon**, features moderately deep, limey soils with mixed yellow and dark grey chalk, providing an ideal environment for international grape varieties. The **Maroccoli vineyard**, where the **Cabernet Franc** is grown, boasts soils rich in stones and moderately chalky with abundant loamy sections, benefiting from a unique microclimate influenced by breezes from the nearby sea.

Sicily's climate is characterized by its hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters, creating optimal conditions for grape growing. This combination of climate and soil contributes to the development of rich, concentrated flavors in the grapes, essential for producing high-quality wines like **Planeta Burdese**.

Winemaking

Planeta Burdese is crafted from a blend of **70% Cabernet Sauvignon** and **30% Cabernet Franc**. The winemaking process begins with the hand-harvesting of grapes from the Dispensa vineyard in early September, followed by the Maroccoli vineyard later in the month. The grapes are then immediately pressed and destemmed, and the crushed grapes are placed in stainless steel tanks for fermentation.

The fermentation process lasts **6-8 days** at controlled temperatures, starting at **15-16°C** and gradually rising to **28°C**. This method ensures the optimal extraction of color, tannins, and aromas. After fermentation, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks to soften the acidity and enhance the mouthfeel. The wine is then aged for **14 months** in French oak barriques, which imparts additional complexity and structure to the final product.

Alcohol :13,40 %

Composition: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, intense ruby red with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma**: A rich and complex bouquet featuring notes of **black cherry**, **plum**, and **blackcurrant**, complemented by hints of **spice**, **tobacco**, and **dark chocolate**.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and robust, with a harmonious balance of **ripe fruit flavors** and well-integrated **tannins**. The finish is long and persistent, with a touch of **oak** and a subtle mineral undertone.

Did you know?

Planeta Burdese derives its name from the Sicilian dialect for Bordeaux, reflecting the wine's inspiration from the great red blends of the Bordeaux region. The Planeta family, with their deep roots in Sicilian viticulture, has successfully adapted these classic French varieties to the unique terroir of Sicily, producing a wine that is both distinctive and true to its origins.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Osso Buco**: The rich, slow-cooked flavors of this traditional Italian dish complement the robust structure and tannins of **Planeta Burdese**.
- **Roast Lamb**: The savory, herbaceous notes of roast lamb pair beautifully with the wine's complex bouquet and full-bodied palate.
- **Aged Pecorino Cheese**: The sharp, nutty flavors of aged Pecorino enhance the wine's depth and highlight its subtle oak and mineral undertones.
- **Ratatouille**: The vibrant, earthy flavors of this classic Provençal vegetable dish harmonize with the wine's rich fruit and spice notes.

94 WINEENTHUSIAST

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2018)

The nose is dark and rich, yet also layered and subtle, with both heavy aromas of petrol and tar and juicier notes of blackberries, figs and dark chocolate. The figs and chocolate carry the palate, though wild herbs and bitter orange give buoyancy. Tannins are unyielding, while acid is more discreet but still perceptible.

91 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2018)

A sleek red firmed by sinewy tannins, with a tang of minerality and balsamico acidity enlivening flavors of ripe red and black currant fruit, herbed olive and cocoa powder.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2018)

The Planeta 2018 Sicilia Menfi Burdese is a straightforward expression of Cabernet Sauvignon (70%) and Cabernet Franc (30%) with no strings attached. The wine is soft to the palate with medium-rich layers of ripe cherry, plum, soft earth and leather. The tannins are immediate and soft.

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