



# Planeta

The Planeta Santa Cecilia Noto is a top-tier Sicilian wine , showcasing the elegance and power of Nero d'Avola, with a perfect balance of fruit, spice, and a complex structure.

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## Santa Cecilia Noto 2020

Sicily, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

The **Noto DOC** region, located in the extreme southeast of Sicily, is renowned for its ideal conditions for cultivating **Nero d'Avola**. The **Buonivini** vineyards, specifically the **Zuppardo and Agliastro vineyards**, feature soils composed of lime marl with abundant small stones and light-colored fragments of chalk. These soils, coupled with breezes from the confluence of two seas, provide the perfect environment for growing this indigenous grape.

Planeta's Santa Cecilia represents the culmination of extensive research to identify the best location for producing high-quality Nero d'Avola. The vineyards are managed according to organic agriculture principles and the **SOSStain®** protocol, ensuring the vitality of the soil through ground cover crops and minimal use of chemicals.

### Winemaking

This **vintage** began with the hand harvesting of Nero d'Avola grapes at the end of September. After pressing and destemming, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks with temperatures initially maintained at 14-15 °C, rising to 24-25 °C towards the end. The fermentation lasted **7-8 days**, followed by a long maceration period of **30-35 days** with the skins in contact with the wine.

The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in stainless steel, then matured in French oak barrels (10% new wood, 20% second use, 35% third use, and 35% fourth use) until June. **The final product is a 100% Nero d'Avola wine**, renowned for its elegance, power, and balance.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Opens with notes of **Mediterranean macchia** and aromas of **seaweed piled on Sicilian beaches**. The red fruit includes **sour cherry** and **very ripe blackberry**; the citrus notes are **bergamot** and **bitter orange**. The spices are **carob flour** and **incense**.
- **Palate:** The ripe fruit combines well with the wood tannins, presenting a densely textured tannin structure. The wine is complex, with a distinct and unmistakable personality.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nero d'Avola



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### Did you know?

The name **Santa Cecilia** derives from the Planeta family's historical name, "Planeta di Santa Cecilia." This wine represents the family's deep connection to Sicily and their commitment to showcasing the island's premier grape, Nero d'Avola, at its best. Planeta's dedication to environmental sustainability and organic farming practices is reflected in every bottle, making Santa Cecilia a true expression of Sicilian terroir.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Red Meat:** Pairs wonderfully with well-matured and marbled red meats, enhancing their rich flavors.
- **Game:** The wine's robust structure complements the intense flavors of game, such as venison or wild boar.
- **Lamb:** Ideal with lamb dishes, particularly those featuring rich, savory sauces.
- **Sliced Sausage:** The complex flavors of Santa Cecilia are a perfect match for high-quality, artisanal sausages.

#### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)



*The nose starts bubbly and sweet, with aromas of black plums, cherry and vanilla, then turns savory but still crackly, with notes of pencil shavings, pepper, graphite and leather. The palate doubles back toward juicy fruit with figs and more plums, then shifts again toward that sanguine earthiness, but textured tannins and almost silky acid unifies the whole.*

#### James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2020)



*Blackberry, floral and dark earth aromas with hints of fresh black mushroom. Medium to full body with round and creamy tannins and a delicious undertone. Just a hint of vanilla bean underneath the fruit.*

#### Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)



*One of the icon wines of Sicily, the Planeta 2020 Sicilia Noto Santa Cecilia is all Nero d'Avola dressed up with elegance and precision. The wine is softly textured and layered with dark fruit, black cherry, spice and sweet tobacco. Santa Cecilia embraces a classic approach with good balance between generous fruit and carefully managed oak.*

