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Planeta Maroccoli Syrah is a powerful and imposing Sicilian red crafted from the noble Mediterranean grape Syrah, showcasing rich fruit and spice with great ageing potential.

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Maroccoli Syrah 2020

Sicily, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Menfi DOC** region, home to Planeta's Maroccoli vineyard, spans a diverse landscape from the sea to the hills, reaching an altitude of **370 meters above sea level**. The **Maroccoli vineyard**, located near **Sambuca di Sicilia (AG)**, is celebrated for its limestone-rich soils with abundant lime areas and a slightly chalky structure. These soils, combined with the bright, dry Sicilian climate, create an ideal environment for cultivating **Syrah**.

Planeta's commitment to environmental sustainability is evident in their adherence to the **SOSustain® protocol**. The vineyard employs organic practices such as ground cover with clover, vetch, yellow mustard, and wild plants to enhance soil vitality. Plant health is maintained with minimal use of sulfur and copper, alongside natural defenses like zeolite, kaolin, and vegetable extracts.

Winemaking

The vintage began with the hand harvesting of Syrah grapes from **August 28th to September 17th**. The grapes were gathered into small crates, then pressed and destemmed upon arrival at the winery. Fermentation took place in stainless steel vats, lasting **12-14 days**, with temperatures controlled initially at 14-15 °C, then 20-22 °C, and finally 25-27 °C. This careful temperature management ensures optimal extraction of flavors and aromas.

After fermentation, the wine underwent a maceration period of **18-20 days** with the skins in contact with the wine, followed by malolactic fermentation in steel. The wine was then aged for **14 months in French oak barriques** (35% new, 35% second usage, and 30% third usage) before being bottled in July. **The final product is a 100% Syrah wine**, renowned for its power and depth.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Impenetrable purple-red.
- **Aroma:** Sweet oriental spices, a faint reminder of roasted cocoa, mahogany, and stormy sea, followed by fruity scents of ripe plum.
- **Palate:** Thick and silky tannins, well-integrated alcohol, with variegated flavors of pepper, orange jam, and a finish of herbs and pepper.



Alcohol :14,80 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Marinated and Grilled Lamb Cutlets:** The rich, spicy profile of the Syrah complements the savory flavors of lamb, especially when paired with mint.
- **Parmesan Cheese:** The wine's complex flavors enhance the nutty and salty characteristics of aged Parmesan.
- **Smoked Provolone:** The smokiness of the cheese pairs beautifully with the Syrah's depth and spiciness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2017)

The Planeta 2017 Menfi Syrah Maroccoli delivers the rich intensity and sweetness of the grape and its sunny Sicilian DNA. This is a plush and loose-knit red wine with plenty of dark fruit, spice, tar and barbecue smoke. The main themes here underline the sweetness and natural succulence of the grape. This release of about 30,000 bottles marks a great opportunity to serve up some Sicilian veal rolls stuffed with breadcrumbs and perfumed with laurel leaf. If you love Syrah, this is a worthwhile taste of Sicily.

