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The Planeta Cerasuolo di Vittoria is a striking Sicilian red, combining the lush fruitiness of Nero d'Avola and Frappato with a vibrant spice profile, perfect for any occasion.

Cerasuolo di Vittoria 2024

Sicily, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Vittoria** region, situated between the Iblean mountains and the sea, is renowned for its rich agricultural heritage and exceptional terroir. The **Dorilli estate** and **Mogli vineyards**, where the Cerasuolo di Vittoria is cultivated, are characterized by their **sandy soils**—composed predominantly of loose red sand with a tufa layer about 90 cm deep. This soil composition is crucial for maintaining the water balance of the vines, especially given the **70-80 meters above sea level** altitude.

The unique terroir of Vittoria, combined with high summer temperatures and low rainfall, creates an ideal environment for the indigenous grape varieties **Nero d'Avola** and **Frappato**.

The name "Cerasuolo" is derived from the Sicilian word for cherry, **"cerasa"**, reflecting the cherry-like color and flavors typical of this wine.

Winemaking

This **vintage** began with the careful harvesting of grapes between **September 17th and 19th**. The grapes were collected by hand and machine, then transported in small trolleys to the winery. Once at the winery, they were pressed and destemmed, followed by fermentation in stainless steel vats of 114 and 170 hectoliters. Fermentation lasted for **7-8 days** at temperatures initially held around 14-15 °C, rising to 24-25 °C towards the end.

After fermentation, the skins remained in contact with the wine for an additional **13-15 days**. The malolactic fermentation occurred in the same vats, and the wine began its maturation process in stainless steel vats, with bottling taking place in June. The final blend consists of **60% Nero d'Avola** and **40% Frappato**, producing a balanced and expressive wine.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 60% Nero d'Avola, 40% Frappato

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red, reflecting its youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma:** A distinctive nose with a cornucopia of red and wild fruits such as **wood strawberries, mulberry, and pomegranate**, complemented by pleasant, almost oriental spice notes of **sandalwood, coriander, and Sichuan pepper**.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the wine reflects the olfactory perceptions, with flavors of **black pepper** mixed with **carob and sweet cherries**. It offers a lively palate with a full-bodied, rounded finish and notes of mulberry.

Did you know?

Planeta's winemaking journey began in the mid-1980s on their family estate at **Sambuca di Sicilia**, which has been in the family since the 1600s. Today, Planeta spans six distinct wine estates across Sicily, each carefully cultivated to best complement the local terroir. The **2021 vintage** was particularly significant as it was **the first year of organic certification for Planeta after more than a decade of sustainable agriculture** .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Tuna:** In season, the wine's complexity and spice notes complement the rich flavors of grilled tuna.
- **White Meat:** Ideal with various preparations of white meat, enhancing the dish with its balanced fruit and spice profile.
- **Tomato-Based Dishes:** Its harmony with tomato-based dishes is surprising, making it a great match for recipes featuring rich tomato sauces.
- **Pizza:** The wine pairs beautifully with pizza, offering a versatile and delightful experience.

91 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 91 Points (2022)

Peppery and floral, the 2022 Cerasuolo di Vittoria wafts up with a spicy blend of crushed wild berries and savory herbs. This opens with a pretty inner sweetness and crisp red and blue fruits. Tantalizing acidity refreshes the palate toward the close. It tapers off classically dry yet fresh and floral, leaving a violet resonance to fade.

90 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 90 Points (2022)

Notes of juicy cherry and boysenberry are underscored by tar, smoke and grilled herb accents in this lively, light- to medium-bodied red, which is silky and spiced on the finish. Nero d'Avola and Frappato.

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James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2021)

Black cherry and sliced blood-orange aromas. Medium to full body, orange-peel undertones and a juicy finish. Clean, focused and real. Delicious all round. From organically grown grapes.