



In the deepest and most austere heartlands of Sicily lies an oasis of rare and exquisite beauty, home to Sicily's greatest native grape varieties and the chosen habitat of Nero d'Avola. The estate surrounds an ancient manor that belonged to the Princes of Butera, in one of the most mineral-rich areas on the Island, a stone's throw from the Mediterranean coasts and situated between the Valley of the Temples and Piazza Armerina. The variety and organic content of the lands, combined with the particularity of a microclimate that benefits from sea breezes, make these ancient lands the ideal place for sustainable viticulture and a unique reserve for biodiversity. These terroirs, with their colourful citrus fruits and scents of Mediterranean scrub, yield elegant wines with refined fragrances and ideal intensity and freshness.

Nero d'Avola Pas Dosé 2018

The hills of Butera have given rise to the first Nero d'Avola Metodo Classico - Pas Dosé, embodying the aristocratic soul and vocation for excellence of a Sicily in all its intensity and austere beauty. Principi di Butera dedicates a vineyard measuring some 3 hectares, located opposite the ancient manor house, to the creation of this blanc de noirs. It has extraordinary finesse, a subtle perlage and a creamy palate.



CLASSIFICATION

Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC



PRODUCTION AREA

Butera Sicilia Centro-Sud



HARVEST

2018



GRAPES

100% Nero d'Avola, Blanc de Noirs



HARVEST PERIOD

Third week of August



HARVEST METHOD

Manual, in 14-kg crates

CLIMATE 2018

The trend in the first half of 2018 was in line with the averages for the period, and the phenological phases were normal. Starting in August, a sudden drop in temperatures, followed by alternating rainfall, favoured the swelling of the berries while maintaining the aromas and acidity, and delayed the harvest by a week. The wine is balanced, fresh and with intense aromas of orange blossom.







PLANTING DENSITY

4.300 vines/ha



YIELD PER HECTARE

60 g/ha



SPARKLING METHOD

Traditional (Metodo Classico)



AGEING

24 months on the lees



DOSAGE

Zero



ALCOHOL CONTENT

12% vol



SERVING TEMPERATURE

8°C



AVAILABLE FORMAT

750 ml – 1500 ml

SOIL TYPE

Characterized by calcareous-clayey soil with a gravelly-pebbly texture

GROWING METHOD

Vines over 30 years old, spurred-cordon trained.

VINIFICATION AND AGEING

The grapes are softly pressed and the must ob-tained sediments at a low temperature for 12 hours. The first fermentation in steel is followed by ageing on fine lees for 8 months. Refermentation and horizontal cellaring for 24 months in underground cellars precedes riddling, which is carried out strictly by hand on riddling racks.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: straw yellow with platinum reflections and a fine, persistent perlage.

BOUQUET: delicate notes of citrus, peach, custard and sweet almond.

FLAVOUR: distinctive minerality, refined crispness and a long, satisfying finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Seafood crudités, olive oil and vegetable dips, mature cheeses and savoury Mediterranean dishes.