

WINE FACT SHEET

MORGANTE

Nero d'Avola IGT Sicilia 2007

Wine Description

A 100% Nero d'Avola from estate vineyards planted at 1,400 - 1,600 feet above sea level and producing only three tons per acre. After the harvest in mid September, the grapes are crushed and macerated with the skins for 18 days. The wine is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, matured in French (Tronçais) barriques for four months and refined in bottle for four months.

Tasting Notes

Intensely ruby-red in color with supple aromas of ripe black cherry and blackberry, followed by spicy notes of charcoal, vanilla and black pepper. On the palate, bursting flavors of ripe fruit and exotic spice are balanced by pleasant acidity and silky tannins. Delicious with roasted meats, eggplant parmigiana, pasta, grilled pork chops and veal casseroles.

Vineyard Characteristics

Production area/name of vineyard:	Various vineyards in Grotte, Racalmuto abd Arigento
Size of vineyard (acres):	75
Soil composition:	limestone clay
Training method:	Guyot and Cordon-Spur
Elevation (feet):	1,485-1,815
Vines/acre:	1,400-1,600
Exposure:	Southeast/southwest
Year vineyard planted:	1986/1990
Agronomist/Vineyard manager:	Giovanni Morgante

Winemaking & Aging

Varietal composition:	100% Nero d'Avola
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	1994
Number bottles produced of this wine:	180,000

Fermentation

Fermentation container:	stainless steel tanks
Fermentation temperature (°F):	77-84
Length of maceration (days):	18

Aging

Aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Length of aging before bottling:	4 months
Length of bottle aging:	4 months

Analytical data

Alcohol:	14.0%
pH level:	3.7
Residual sugar (grams/liter):	1.8
Acidity (grams/liter):	5.4
Dry extract (grams/liter):	35.9



Producer Profile

Owned by: The Morgante Family

Winemaker: Riccardo Cotarella

Total acreage under vine: 150

Estate founded: 1994

Winery production total: 350,000

Region: Sicily

Country: Italy



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