

# Contrade Bellusa, Nero d'Avola, Sicilia DOC Organic 2021



## Region

Volcanic soils and a maritime influence combine to impart a distinct elegance and mineral character upon the island's wines. Notable for its range of local varieties with Nero d'Avola and Nerello Mascalese making reliable, fleshy red wines, whilst Catarratto, Grillo and Inzolia yield surprisingly well balanced and flavourful white wines. You will also find the more recognised grapes of Syrah and Chardonnay performing really well in this warm Mediterranean climate. However, it is the uniquely rich and mineral influenced dessert wines that are perhaps Sicily's greatest contribution to the wine world, from Marsala to Moscato di Pantelleria and Malvasia.

## Producer

Mondo del Vino is an Italian cooperative focussed on creating high quality Italian wines. Founded in 1991 by oenologists Alfeo Martini, Roger Gabb and Christophe Mack who came together with the aim of coming up with new ways to produce and market Italian wines. Today, grapes are carefully selected for the best quality by oenologists through direct agreements with cooperatives and private companies and they control every stage of the winemaking process from fermentation to ageing, bottling and branding. With grapes grown on the Agrigento hills at 200-300m with shallow soils of with some calcareous clay, organic matter and iron, all of which helps create elegant yet full bodied wines with great balance.

## Tasting Notes

Contrade Bellusa Nero d'Avola is grown on organic vineyards in Sicily on soils consisting of calcareous clay with a rich iron component. A rich, ruby red in colour with violet reflections and a pronounced nose of dark cherries and bramble fruits. The palate is medium bodied with juicy flavours of cherry jam, raspberries, and a spicy finish. Excellent balance of acidity, ripe fruits and soft tannins.

## Food

Serve with traditional Sicilian dishes such as Caponata or spaghetti alla Norma and seasoned cheeses.

### Technical Information

Country	Italy	Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Region	Sicily	Alcohol Content	14%
Grape(s)	Nero d'Avola (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	Organic
Style	Smooth	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Unoaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Medium bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices		



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