

Cantine Barbera

To understand the wines of Cantine Barbera, you need to see the ocean. Vines that live this close to the ocean in south-western Sicily turn the sea brine into vibrant tasty salinity. A third-generation farmer, Marilena Barbera farms the Inzolia that her grandfather planted in the 20's, just as she attends to the native varietals that are the new frontier of her own generation: Perricone, Nerello, Alicante, Nero d'Avola and Grillo.



From vineyards that enjoy mild winters, warm dry summers and great diurnal temperature variation, the berries are ripe and sweet and smell of sunshine and gentle Mediterranean wind. Here, there are three different areas where Marilena farms: "vigne in costa" where Inzolia and Nero d'Avola is planted to soils that are deep and calcareous with plenty of limestone; "vine al pozzo" which is in the heart of Belicello, where international varietals, along with Perricone and Nerello Mascalese are planted to fertile and rich alluvial soils made by clay banks; and "la vota", which is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in soils of yellowish alluvial sands that also contain a good clay silty fraction.



Employing only indigenous yeast, Marilena uses a small wooden 44-pound press to manually 'squeeze' her grapes. Spontaneously fermenting, the fruit sits with skins and stems before the juice is pressed and poured into the tank where it begins its official fermentation.

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Varietal/Blend: Perricone

Farming: organic

Altitude / Exposure: 30-50m / east to west

Soil: alluvial clay soil with sandy components

Ave Year Vines Planted: 2012

Vine Training: Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand in early October

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: 6 days of skin contact in stainless steel / wine moves to Slavonian oak vat after malolactic begins

Maturation: 3 months on lees in Slavonian oak

Alcohol: 12.5%

Acidity: TA 5.64 g/L // pH 3.66

RS: 1.05 g/L

Sulfur: <80mg/L

Fined: un-fined

Filtered: yes

Country: Italy

Region: Sicily

Vineyard: Tenuta Belicello, Vigna del Pozzo

"A lively ruby color with violet shades meets a playful nose of red berries and geranium flowers. Smooth tannins enrich a medium-bodied palate, where spicy notes of star anise and ginger stand out against a persistent saline background."

- Winemaker's notes

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