

Wines of the South and the Islands

The six regions of Italy's south take in the "sunwashed" vineyards that prompted the ancient Greeks to nickname their colonies "Oenotria", the land of wine. From Hellas they brought to Magna Gr_cia vines which are still planted today, under such names as *Aglianico*, *Greco*, *Malvasia*, *Gaglioppo* and *Moscato*. Many outsiders left their marks on these Mediterranean shores. Foremost among them were the Spaniards, who dominated until the Risorgimento and brought vines into Sardinia, Sicily and other places centuries after the Arabs and Phoenicians planted what may have been the first "foreign" vines in Italy. Studied techniques of grape growing and methods of temperature controlled fermentation and maturation in oxygen-free conditions have permitted production of dry, balanced wines that can be attractively light and fruity. Several of Italy's most impressive red wines for aging originate in the south, led by Campania's DOCG of Taurasi. White wines of modern style have also come forth. There has been a welcome trend to upgrade the quality and status of the traditional sweet wines, such as *Moscato* and *Malvasia*, as well as Sicily's fortified *Marsala* and Sardinia's *Vernaccia di Oristano*. Major wineries from elsewhere in Italy have been investing in the south, where the climate permits consistent quality from year to year to offer wines of premium class at reasonable prices.

BIANCO

VARIETAL	VINTAGE	PRODUCER	REGION	BOTTLE
NERELLO MASCALESE	2006/2007	TASCA D' ALMERITA LE ROSE DI REGALEALI	SICILIA	22
FALANGHINA	2005/2006	FUEDI DI SAN GREGORIO	CAMPANIA	34
FIANO	2006/2007	MANDRAROSSA FIANO	SICILIA	26
FIANO/GRECANICO	2007	PRIMA MANO	PUGLIA	38
VERMENTINO	2005	SANTA MARIA LA PALMA ARAGOSTA	SARDEGNA	27
VERMENTINO	2008	ARGIOLAS COSTAMOLINO VERMENTINO	SARDEGNA	36
ANTHILIA	2007	DONNAFUGATA ANTHILIA	SICILIA	30
INSOLIA/GRECANICO	2007	COS RAMI'	SICILIA	45
MANTONICO	2006	STATTI MANTONICO	CALABRIA	50
CATARRATO/GREC/INS/MT	2007	CUSAMANO ALCAMO D.O.C	SICILIA	30
CHARDONNAY/INSOLIA	2007	CUSAMANO "ANGIMBE" SICILIA I.G.T	SICILIA	36
CHARDONNAY	2006	PLANETA CHARDONNAY	SICILIA	70
BIANCO		CARAFE 500ML		15

ROSSO

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NEGRO/PRIM/CAB SAUV	2007/2008	TORMARESCA NEPRICA	PUGLIA	30
PRIMITIVO	2006/2007	DONNA MARZIA PRIMITIVO	PUGLIA	28
AGLIANICO	2004	TENUTA LE QUERCE AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE	BASILICATA	35
NERO D'AVOLA	2005	CUSAMANO SAGANA	SICILIA	50
NERO D'AVOLA	2005/2006	ZISOLA	SICILIA	58
NERO D'AVOLA	2006/2007	TASCA D' ALMERITA REGALEALI ROSSO	SICILIA	30
NERO/CAB SAUV	2005	DONNAFUGATA TANCREDI	SICILIA	55
NERO/MERLOT/SYRAH/CAB FR	2007	PLANETA LA SEGRETA	SICILIA	30
NERO D' AVOLA/SYRAH	2005	RENOTO FUEDI MACCARI I.G.T NOTO	SICILIA	34
NERO D' AVOLA/FRAPPATO	2005	COS CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA	SICILIA	66
NERO/MERLOT/CABERNET	2005	CUSAMANO NOA` SICILIA I.G.T	SICILIA	68
ROSSO		CARAFE 500ML		15