

Italian Wines in the World: Morgante's Don Antonio

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DON ANTONIO

Wine: Red – Year: 2012

Price (ex winery, VAT included): 25,00 Euro

Yearly production (bottles): 30.000

Ageing: Barriques for 12 months, bottle for 12/18 months

Designation: DOC

Grapes: Nero d'Avola 100%

The Don Antonio is one of our favourite Nero d'Avola since a long time and the 2012 Vintage was not disappointing. It is one of those Sicilian red wines able to combine great force with great elegance thanks to a skillful use of the ageing in wood (barriques). The bouquet has nice hints of well- ripened red fruit, such as cherries and black cherries, followed by spicy (cinnamon and vanilla) overtones and an incredibly

pleasant cocoa and licorice finish. The taste is very harmonious, silky and velvety; it recalls the red fruit in the pleasant and persistent finish. We tasted it together with a roast pork and it was perfect.

MORGANTE

We were very young and inexperienced when we started, but we wanted to see where and how far our wager would lead us, we were aware that being in the deep south of Sicily would not do us any favors. Here the earth is burnt by the sun; a land without water where growing grapes requires great sacrifices. We've worked hard and steadily over the years to build up something and grow as entrepreneurs, trying to smooth over not only the natural difficulties presented every year by this land but also the daily operational challenges due to the small pieces of land spread over a 30 kilometer radius around Grotte, which make up our 200 hectares.

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