

## Dorilli 2022

Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico DOCG

70% Nero d'Avola - 30% Frappato



**FIRST VINTAGE**  
2009

**DISTRICT OF VINEYARD**  
Acate (RG)

**VINEYARD**  
Dorilli

**WINERY**  
Dorilli



**CERTIFIED**  
Organic Wine; SOStain®;  
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*Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico Dorilli represents for us the quintessence of this noble wine. It is produced with careful selection from the vines which surround the beautiful and unique Dorilli estate, named for the nearby river Dirillo, legendary landing place of brave Aeneas. The wine has a fine and elegant character, fruit of the union between the noble Nero d'Avola and Frappato di Vittoria, Iblean vines par excellence, and lightly touched by its maturation in wood. This is a limited production, cultivated according to the criteria of sustainability and organicity, for those who love the small Italian denominations, witnesses of the uniqueness of our land and our history.*

**TYPE OF SOIL:** the principal characteristic of soils of the Cerasuolo di Vittoria area is that of a sandy texture; the soils are mainly constituted of loose red sand with a structure of small dimension, moderately deep; at about 90cm lies a layer of tufa, very important for the water-holding capacity of the soil and thus for the water balance of the plants.

**ALTITUDE:** 80 metres above sea level.

**YIELD PER HECTARE:** Nero d'Avola 65 quintal;  
Frappato 55 quintal.

**TRAINING SYSTEM:** espalier with spurred cordon system of pruning.

**PLANTING DENSITY:** 5.050 plants per hectare

**METHOD OF CULTIVATION:** according to the criteria of organic agriculture and SOStain® protocols; ground cover with beans, vetch and wild plants to increase the organic material and nitrogen content to encourage the vitality of the soil's vitality; plant health is sustained with sulphur and copper in minimal quantities; phytophages are attacked with useful insects, sexual confusion and application of natural restoratives such as zeolite, kaolin and vegetable extracts.

**HARVESTING PERIOD:** 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**VINIFICATION:** The grapes are gathered by hand and transported to the winery in small trolleys. Once at the winery they are destemmed and pressed, then sent to stainless steel tanks of 100 and 150 hl. The grapes are stirred three times a day, with very short periods of pumping over – between 10 and 25 minutes – according to the

phase of fermentation, to prevent damage to the skins and fruit as much as possible. Once fermentation is complete, the skins remain in contact with the wine for 15/18 days, then are racked off. Malolactic fermentation occurs in the same tanks, and once complete – between December and January – maturation begins in oak barrels of 26 to 36 hl for 12 months.

**MATURATION:** oak barrels of 36 hl.

**BOTTLING:** June 2024.

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 12,50% vol.

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5,50 g/l

**PH:** 3,37

**AGEING CAPACITY:** allow aging for 5/10 years.

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 0,75 l

**WEIGHT OF BOTTLE:** 400 g

**CORK:** single-piece natural cork.

**TASTING NOTES:** It almost seems that the wine takes its ruby-violet colour from the red sands of these vineyards of Nero d'Avola and Frappato. The aromas of ripe black cherry combine with those of cardamom, vanilla and cinnamon. The tannin, ripe, soft and rounded, dissolves in the mouth thanks to an incredible softness of the fruit. The oriental spices mix within the complex flavours of smoked pancetta, cooked must, marjoram and prickly pear.

**PAIRING:** Extraordinary with roast pork spareribs, well spiced and peppered. The wine's flavoursome complexity pairs well with stewed or poached blue fish and can also bear matching with recipes of spiced fish in Asian style.

### NOTES ON THE VINTAGE - VITTORIA 2022

Sicily and Planeta record a great quality 2022 harvest. An average production lower by about 12% (to be better defined in the different areas) and a dry summer which determined extremely healthy grapes, with a very low fungal load. A harvest that - despite extreme weather conditions - magically balanced out: the very heavy late autumn rains made up for the winter drought; the high average temperatures of June and July were offset by an ideal August - October. From chaos to peace. More typical weather context. There were no heavy autumn rains; rainfall remained low until April; in the rest of the year, timely rains - especially in May – positively prepared the vineyard for the hottest season. Summer saw June and July with high averages, albeit without excesses, but August was even less hot than the ten-year average. Few but blissful rains in September, for a harvest in this case in line from a quantitative point of view (just -5% on average). A year of grace for the Frappato varietal as few times before and with a well-balanced ripening; Nero d'Avola has given wines of great personality, with a vibrant red sand character.