

Laudisio's Wine of the Week

Vino: Cerasuolo di Vittoria 2005 DOCG

Producer: Planeta

Pronunciation: Chay-rah-soo-oh-low dee
Vee-toh-ree-ah Plah-nay-tah

Location on list: Red Wines by the Glass

Price: 43.

Region: Sicilia

Grape(s): Nero d'Avola, Frappato

Vinification and Ageing: 8 days of maceration. After primary alcoholic fermentation, full malo-lactic fermentation occurs. Stainless steel, no wood.

Tasting Notes: Fruity aromas of cherries and strawberries. Flavors of more summer strawberries, ripened figs and exotic ginger spice notes. This is a low-grip, easy drinking wine that can be sipped on its own. Cerasuolo di Vittoria is Sicily's first and only DOCG wine.

Food: Good pairing with Pizza Magherita, Arancini, Pasta or risotto with tuna and tomatoes. An excellent accompaniment with anti-pasti such as our Arancini, Mozzarella Caprese or Salumi Plate

Winery Profile: The Planeta family has wineries and vineyard sites in 4 distinctive viticultural areas of Sicily. This Cerasuolo hails from the area of Vittoria, located in the southern most reaches of the island. The Planeta family has a long history of agriculture, but has, only fairly recently, begun making wine, circa 1995. In this short time they have garnered much international attention. The Wine Spectator was named Planeta "Winery of the Year"—and that is for the world; a great distinction for Sicily. Sicily, while producing more wine than any other region of Italy, before the 1990's produced very few world class wines. Thanks in a large part to the Planeta family and other producers such as Tenuta Terre Nere and Cusumano, this has certainly changed.



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Vines of Nero d'Avola on the Planeta Estate
in Dorilli in Vittoria, Sicily