



HELIOS NERO D'AVOLA

Helios is crafted from a historic family parcel in Contessa Entellina, vines over 30 years old. A persuasive Nero d'Avola and Syrah blend, with aromas of sweet spice, black cherry and earthy notes. Balanced with a tannic texture of great finesse and a beautiful saline line giving freshness and length to the flavors.

CHARACTERISTICS

Denomination DOC Sicilia

Variety Nero d'Avola 100%

Alcohol 13.5%

Production 6,000 bottles

Vineyards 30-year-old vines in Paradiso, Contessa Entellina (PA)

Altitude 1,400 feet

Soil Mixed Clay and volcanic tuff

Vinification Hand-harvested, destemmed grapes, open top barrel fermentation, soft pressing.

Aging 15 months in stainless steel, 9 months in French tonneau

DESCRIPTION

Helios is an expressive blend of Nero d'Avola and Syrah, made from the historic family vineyard Paradiso in Contessa Entellina. Here, the ancient history of Nero d'Avola and Syrah are deeply linked to the western Sicilian wine tradition.

Helios, the Greek god of sun, is named after the winery's founder Aurelio Di Giovanna. This flagship Nero d'Avola is surprising for its elegance, showing a mix of ripe dark fruits and black cherry. Helios represents the pinnacle of the family's passion and dedication to their organically cultivated vineyards.

Color Deed ruby red

Aroma Hints of violets, black cherry and blackberry, pleasant notes of sweet spice and chocolate

Flavour Decisive and robust, harmonious, with velvety tannins and a pleasant, lengthy finish.

AWARDS

93 points 2016 - James Suckling

94 points 2015- Wine Orbit

91 points 2015- James Suckling

90 points 2014 - James Suckling

5 Stelle 2015 - Vini di Sicilia Guida

Gold Medal 2014- Gilbert & Gaillard

4 grappoli 2010 - Bibenda