

2013 Zisola Doppiozetaproduct-pdf - Noto Rosso - 90, 92, 93pt Juicy Sicilian Nero d'Avola

Why We're Drinking It

Are you in need of a bit of sunshine? Warm rays to soothe the soul? How about those warm rays in the form of a 90, 92 and 93pt Sicilian red that explodes with flavor, spice and well, warmth, at a staggering 57% off? Let us take a stroll through a dreamy land first, shall we?

Imagine basking in the intense Sicilian sunshine, surrounded by history, an UNESCO World Heritage site, Baroque architecture, vineyards, olive groves, citrus trees and a steady sea breeze. Have a good picture in your head? Well that's where this wine comes from. A magical estate run by the notorious Mazzei family (those Mazzeis that are famously known for some of Tuscany's most revered wines). This powerhouse of a winemaking family fell in love with the Zisola Estate in 2003, identifying its immense winemaking potential and have transformed the 124 acre estate into a source for exceptional wines.

Now that we just want to pick up and move to Sicily, let's discuss the wine, yes? Or perhaps, let's just hear from our critic friends:

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"Candied cherry and rum cake appear on the bouquet. Beyond those dark fruit layers is a savory presence of exotic spice, leather and moist chewing tobacco. This is a plump, ripe and modern red from Sicily that offers generous abundance and juiciness." – Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92pts

Juicy, spicy, and power. There's lots to love here and at the price (and the scores), there's no question about how quickly you should add this to your cart. Go on now. It won't last!

Tasting Notes

Juicy and powerful. Bursting with black cherries, plums and blueberries with hints of tobacco, leather and spice. Full-bodied with a velvety texture and rich finish.

VARIETAL

Red Blend

APPELLATION

Sicily

ALCOHOL

14.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Red Blend

The Story to Know

In the beautiful, Unesco heritage-protected region of Noto, Sicily, lies Zisola, the latest endeavor from the Mazzei family. Here among the olive groves and citrus trees, the limited-production facility is dedicated to producing complex, elegant and age-worthy wines from Sicily's indigenous grape, Nero d'Avola, and to expressing the power and uniqueness of international varieties when grown in this region of Sicily. This exceptional 124 acre estate was acquired by the Mazzei's, famed Tuscan winemaking family, in 2002 to showcase the potential of the area. Noto, celebrated for its Baroque architecture, is an alluring spot rich in history and culture, with incredible winemaking potential.

Noto (Siracusa) is one of the most beautiful areas of Sicily. The property is planted to vines as well as olive, citrus and almond trees, typical of this southern landscape. A small but efficient cellar is equipped with temperature-controlled stainless steel vats for fermentation, along with 200 French barriques for aging.

Vineyards cover approximately 42 acres of the estate, covering mainly calcareous soils and planted chiefly to Nero d'Avola. Vines are trained in the traditional alberello (free standing) style. Small amounts of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot are also cultivated. The vines enjoy a west/southwest exposure and benefit from a steady sea breeze,

which cools the vineyards during the hot summer days and warms the land in the winter.

Ratings

93pts, James Suckling

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92pts, Robert Parker Wine Advocate

Nero d'Avola is blended with Syrah to make the 2013 Noto Rosso Doppiozeta. The vines are alberello or bush-trained, planted in red soils. Candied cherry and rum cake appear on the bouquet. Beyond those dark fruit layers is a savory presence of exotic spice, leather and moist chewing tobacco. This is a plump, ripe and modern red from Sicily that offers generous abundance and juiciness.

90pts, Wine Spectator

A subtle hint of tar underscores flavors of sappy black cherry and spiced plum fruit, adding complexity to this medium- to full-bodied red. Chewy and balanced, with lightly juicy acidity and hints of cured tobacco and spice box lingering on the finish. Nero d'Avola, Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2023. 1,083 cases made.
