

Zisola

Wine Region: Sicily, Italy Date Established: 2002 Winemaker: Carlo Ferrini

The Mazzei family, historic owners of Tuscany's renowned Fonterutoli estate, are proud to present Zisola – limited-production, elegant Sicilian red wines of great complexity, concentration and aging potential. Using Sicily's indigenous Nero d'Avola grape, Zisola comes from the Mazzei family property in southeastern Sicily, just outside the historic town of Noto.

Noto, celebrated for its Baroque architecture, is nestled in one of the most beautiful and spectacular areas of the region and is protected by Unesco as a world heritage site. Here, in this alluring spot rich in history and culture, the Mazzeis have pioneered an ambitious project to fulfill the potential of this area.

The thumbprint that appears on the Zisola Nero d'Avola label is that of Francesco Mazzei who, together with his father Lapo and his brother Filippo, is fully dedicated to placing the Mazzei family's mark of uncompromising quality on this exciting viticultural region.

The 50 hectare (124 acre) 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 currently cover approximately 17 hectares (42 acres) of the estate, mainly calcareous soils planted chiefly to Nero d'Avola vines 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 winter. This exceptional microclimate permits ideal ripening of the grapes and yields elegant wines that stand out for their character and aroma.



- Located in the original territory of Nero d'Avola, in the south-east of Sicily, one mile from the magnificent baroque town of Noto
- An exceptional micro-zone identified and acquired by the Mazzeis
- Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot/dry summers refreshed by thermal currents from the sea
 - Average altitude – 130m (425ft) above sea level
- 17 hectares (42 acres) of vineyards that will grow up to 25 (62 acres) with medium texture, highly calcareous, rocky soil

- **NERO D'AVOLA** One of the highest quality examples of a Nero d'Avola wine produced in Sicily.
88 Points – *Wine Enthusiast*, March 2013.

- **DOPPIOZETA** 60% Nero d'Avola, 30% Syrah, 10% Cabernet Franc. The 2006 vintage marked the debut of Doppiozeta.
91 Points – *Wine Spectator*, October 31, 2014.

