# **MORGANTE**

The authentic taste of Nero d'Avola

# Don Antonio Nero d'Avola DOC Sicilia 2019 Riserva

# **TASTING NOTES**

Very deep red with purple highlights. Soft and round texture, juicy tannins and plenty of blackberry and dark-chocolate flavours. Very varietal and clear with hints of liquorice and asphalt at the end. Shows great intensity in a balanced and elegant way. Match with tasty red meat and medium and long aged cheeses. Pour into a wide crystal glass. Serve at 18°C.

#### CLIMATE

Very rainy Autumn, with some heavy rains, followed by a very cold winter, and snow at the beginning of January. The beginning of Spring was characterized by mild and not very rainy climate. March and April were warm, May cold and rainy with fog, unusual for our area, that caused a poor fruit set. During the first part of the Summer, there was dry heat, with temperatures up to 40° C., In July and August the temperature went down and in September a few rainfalls cased a slow maturation of the grapes, that made us obtain very fruity and balanced wines.

### **VINIFICATION**

The Nero d'Avola grapes are harvest between the end of September and the beginning of October. The vines grow in white calcareous soils with small portions of clay at 500/550 metres above sea level. The vinification of the grapes is in stainless steel tanks with 20 days of skin contact at a controlled temperature of 26/28°C (79/82.4°F). The malolactic fermentation is carried out in stainless steel tanks. Alcohol 15% Vol.

# **MATURATION**

12 months ageing in new French Allier, Tronçais and Never 225 litre barriques, followed by further ageing of 12 months in the bottle.

