



PLANETA

SITO DELL'ULMO SINGLE VINEYARD MERLOT,
SICILIA 2014 DOC

BACKGROUND

Planeta encompasses six distinct wine estates across Sicily, each one inspired and constructed in harmony with its surroundings and dedicated to its terroir. Planeta's journey begins at Sambuca di Sicilia, on the estate owned by the family since the 1600s. Here on Italy's most enchanting island, three enthusiastic young Sicilians, Alessio, Francesca and Santi Planeta, under the guidance of Diego Planeta, began their winemaking venture in the mid-1980s. Subsequent years were spent matching the extraordinarily diverse Sicilian soils with both indigenous and international varieties. Years of careful research paid off when the Planeta wines were met with immediate critical acclaim upon introduction in the U.S. in the late 1990s.

APPELLATION

Sicily, Italy

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Merlot

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Sito dell'Ulmo is a single-variety Merlot and from a 'Single Vineyard'. Years of experience have helped us identify in the vineyards of Ulmo, planted in 1987 on the banks of Lake Arancio, the ideal place for the cultivation of this ancient French variety.

The soils are of average texture, moderately deep to deep with abundant pebbles, slightly limey and with some areas of dark organic material.

WINEMAKING

The harvest took place on the 10th of September. Destalking followed by 14 days on the skins; fermentation at 28°C; after racking malolactic fermentation in stainless steel.

AGEING

The wine was aged in Allier oak barrels (50% new) for 14 months.

TASTING NOTES

A bewitching wine... Its uniqueness emerges in a particular way with a diverse but lively structure of tannins and with its strong and intensely savoury taste. This version of a densely ruby coloured Merlot, so rich with the sweet juice of black currant and candied violet which alternates with thyme and lavender, cannot pass unnoticed either by the palate of a refined taste or by that of an enthusiastic novice. It is a multi-faceted and intriguing red wine which combines the pleasure of tannin with an extraordinary persistence of taste.

Although it can so easily be drunk on its own, its elegance renders it appropriate with white meat even when cooked with a sauce of considerable flavor, or else with some delicate fish cooked without lemon or even with baked vegetables.

WINEMAKER

Patricia Toth

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
6 gr/L - pH: 3.41
Alcohol
14%

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