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## PLANETA

### CONTRODANZA NERO D'AVOLA DI NOTO DOC 2017

Sicily (Noto DOC), Italy

91

POINTS

**Wine & Spirits**

JUNE 2021

91

POINTS

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NOVEMBER 2020

90

POINTS

**Wine Spectator**

OCTOBER 2021

Grown in the chalky soils of Noto in southeastern Sicily, nero d'Avola combines with 15% merlot to give a briny wine, its red-plum flavors layered with notes of cured olives and dried herbs. This is a great partner for eggplant parmigiana. – S.J.

Aromas of smoke, dried cherries, mushrooms and hints of eucalyptus. It's medium-to full-bodied with plenty of earthy, umami notes and citrus peel. Light tannins. Drink or hold. – J.S.

Minerally up front, with lots of tarry smoke and hot stone on the nose, notes that underscore the palate's dried raspberry, singed orange peel and tobacco flavors. Medium- to full-bodied and gusty, with a firm, focused finish. Nero d'Avola and Merlot. Best after 2023. –A.N.