



Cabernet Sauvignon Sicilia DOC

Set against the Musità hillside, in the district of Salemi, heart of the Belice Valley, is a winery founded by Don Ignazio Ardagna, five generations ago. Those were the late 1800s and Don Ignazio planted his first, tiny vineyard on the Musità slopes - native, bush-trained Catarratto whose golden fruit would lead to further goals and to a dream come true. Ignazio's son Domenico, then his grandson Giuseppe, in turn, cultivated this gorgeous land, though at first, they poured their fruit into the local cooperative. Giuseppe Ardagna, however, was not content with the cooperative's good wines. He dreamed that his children and grandchildren would one day tell the story of Musità as Ignazio had meant it to be told; expressing the hill's tremendous quality potential to its full extent. Today, Ignazio and Giuseppe's aspirations have been realized: the family has not only purchased the hillside winery that at one time belonged to the cooperative; they have also renovated and extended it, all the while expanding total Ardagna acreage under vine to nearly 125 acres (50 hectares). The estate is entirely family-run and every stage of the process is supervised by expert agronomists and enologists. The Musità mission is to showcase the unique qualities of their terroir.

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Winemaking and Aging

Grape Varieties:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Type of yeast:	Selected
Aging containers:	For a few months in steel and cement tanks with periodic micro-oxygenation in order to stabilize the color and the olfactory profile.



Vineyard

Vineyard location:	Western Sicily, hilly areas of the Salemi area and neighboring areas
Soil composition:	Clayey and medium-textured
Vine training:	Counter espalier with Guyot cattery
Time of harvest:	First two weeks of September



Tasting Notes and Food Pairing

Tasting notes:	Upper structure with an intense ruby color, with notes of licorice and red fruits and marked tannins.
Serving temperature:	18 °C
Alcohol:	14%