SALLIER DE LA TOUR

Just outside the bustling epicenter of Palermo in Northwest Sicily lies the town of Monreale, famous for its magnificent medieval cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearby in Alto Belice, you will find the Sallier de La Tour winery and estate that has been located in the area for over a century.

Monreale has long been recognized for creating high-quality wines. The soil in the area is mostly made of clay, with a presence of limestone, sand, and silt. A gently undulating landscape at an elevation of 900 - 1,900 feet above sea level. with large areas of alluvial deposits contributes to a particularly fertile terroir. The Monreale DOC was founded in 2000 to further this distinction for wines made from Catarratto, Inzolia, Nero d'Avola, Perricone and Syrah. There are eight wineries currently producing wines in the DOC. The Sallier de La Tour estate is comprised of 80 hectares total, 50 of which are organically farmed vines.

The Estate has belonged to the Sallier de La Tour family, Princes of Camporeale, since the mid-nineteenth century. Originally from the Piedmont region of Italy, the family moved to Sicily in the 18th century. They built the winery La Monaca in 1909, its name inspired by the highest hill found on the property, which is located just behind the Estate. In 1956, Paolo Sallier de La Tour married Costanza Tasca d'Almerita, joining the two noble families together. In 2008, Filiberto, Paolo's son, approached his cousin, Alberto Tasca, with the idea of joining Sallier de La Tour with the renowned Tasca d'Almerita family of wineries. Today, the Estate is managed by Costanza Chirivino, a member of the Sallier de La Tour family, with the support of the Tasca d'Almerita team and their company's sustainable initiatives.

The unique labels were created by artist Gianluca Biscalchin. They pay homage to the nobility of the family through the featured costumes, while the native plants featured represent the family's roots and long history in the area.

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Sallier de La Tour Syrah Sicilia DOC 2020 - This has aromas of olives, black fruit, cracked pepper and dried herbs. Meaty and savory, with firm, chewy tannins. Compact and medium-to full-bodied, with excellent concentration. Sustainable. Better after 2023. **92 points**



Sallier de La Tour Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC 2020 - A firm and lightly chewy nero d'avola with earth and spice and some mushroom undertones. Medium body, solid tannins and a fresh, savory finish. Sustainable. Drink now. **91 points**



Sallier de La Tour Inzolia Sicilia DOC 2021 - This has aromas of waxed lemons, jasmine, white tea and apricot stones. Light to medium body with bright acidity and a waxy, lemony palate. Crisp and very fresh. Drink now. **90 points**

