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**Sallier de La Tour "La Monaca" Syrah
Monreale DOC - 2019**

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PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

The Sallier de La Tour family

Winemaker:

Mario Licari

Winery Founded:

2008

Region:

Sicily

The 2019 Syrah La Monaca is dark and intense, with crushed black and hints of blue berries complemented by balsamic spices and hints of cocoa, yet it gains lift through a wave of mentholated herbs. This is silky and refined with medium-bodied weight, casting mineral-tinged black fruits and nuances of mocha and licorice across a core of brisk acidity that does a fantastic job of maintaining balance. The 2019 La Monaca finishes long and potent with sweet tannins that frame the expression well, as violet-tinged inner florals slowly fade. Another year or two of cellaring is recommended to help tame this sexy Sicilian Syrah.

- Eric Guido