



OVERVIEW

The umbrella denomination for the wines of Sicily is Sicilia DOC, which includes the entire region the island of Sicily as well as its constellation of minor islands. This denomination resembles an IGT in that it allows the production of a very long list of grape varieties and wine styles, potentially blended from all over Sicily. In fact, it was an IGP until 2011, when it moved up to DOC status with a modest increase in production standards, while its former role was filled with a new IGT, Terre Siciliane. Under the banner of Sicilia DOC, wineries can make white, rosato, red, sparkling, and dessert wines. Varietal wines can be made from more than a dozen white and a dozen red grape varieties. Perhaps the most significant difference between this denomination and IGT Terre Siciliane is that only the DOC is allowed to produce varietally labeled wines from Grillo and Nero d'Avola, to raise the profile of these signature grape varieties.