

PRINCIPI DI BUTERA MERLOT 

In the heart of Sicily, where the golden light weaves a tapestry-like mosaic under a clear sky, lies a beautiful oasis that is the cradle of great autochthonous Sicilian grapes and the 'chosen land' of Nero d'Avola. The estate is located in one of the Island's most mineral-rich areas, close to the Mediterranean coast and between the Valle dei Templi and Piazza Armerina (Province of Agrigento). The varietals and the organic properties of the land, combined with a distinctive microclimate that benefits from sea breezes, make these ancient lands, which once belonged to the Princes of Butera, an ideal site for sustainable viticulture and a reserve with unique biodiversity. This area, with its colourful citrus fruits and scents of the Mediterranean scrub, yields elegant, finely-fragranced wines with great intensity and freshness. Today, Feudo Principi di Butera is the symbol of a new style of Sicilian winemaking whose aim is to rediscover and revive a precious agronomic treasure trove, thereby contributing to the enhancement and promotion of the territory.

# Merlot



# APPELLATION

Sicilia DOC



# PRODUCTION AREA

Butera, central-southern Sicily



# GRAPES

100% Merlot



# SERVING TEMPERATURE

16° - 18° C



## ALCOHOL CONTENT

14,5% vol.



#### **AVAILABLE SIZES**

750 ml

## VINIFICATION AND AGEING

The must ferments for 2 weeks in vertical tanks at a controlled temperature of 30°C. Ageing lasts for 12 months, 20% in 350-litre tonneaux and 80% in Slavonian 60hl oak barrels, followed by a further period of ageing in the bottle.

## TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: intense garnet red.

**BOUQUET:** broad bouquet with hints of small red fruits, cassis and blackberry, perfectly melded with pleasant hints of vanilla.

FLAVOUR: soft and compact, with notes of berries, especially raspberry and blackberry. Long and lingering finish.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Excellent with cured meats, roasts, kebabs and grilled meats, and matured and sharp cheeses.