



## Valle dell'Acate

### BDN Cerasuolo di Vittoria

**Appellation:** Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG Classico

**Type:** Red, dry

**Blend:** 60% Nero d'Avola 40% Frappato (The percentages vary slightly with vintage)

#### Tasting Notes

**Color:** Intense and brilliant cherry red.

**Bouquet:** Rich and fragrant wild berry, ripe cherry, spice, vanilla, cocoa, blue flowers, forest floor, pine sap, wood and bramble.

**Taste:** Soft, full with velvety tannins, the juicy palate delivers concentrated raspberry and black cherry flavors, with hints of Mediterranean herbs, the aromatic finish is long, persistent and smooth.

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Serving Temperature:** Chilled 16-18° C (60-64° F).

#### Pairing

Spicy vegetable or meat dishes, chicken curry, duck pâté, lamb, rabbit, and Ragusano D.O.P.\* 6-months-plus aged cheese.

#### Vineyard Notes

**Production Area:** Biddine Soprana Plateau in the Classico sottozona (the historic production area), Acate Ragusa, Southeastern Sicilia.

**Elevation:** 250 meters (820 feet) a.s.l.

**Exposure:** Southeast.

**Soil:** Fossiliferous (containing fossils, as rocks or strata) siliceous coastal sands with medium-to-coarse grain size with interspersed arenaceous levels. The color varies from light red sand to dark red in the arenaceous levels. The permeability is high for porosity.

**Training System:** Counter-espalier, spurred cordon.

**Vine density:** Approximately 5,000 plants/ha.

**Yield:** 6,700 kg/ha.

#### Winemaking Notes

**Harvest:** The first half of September.

**Ageing:** In barrels and tonneaux for 12 months, then held in-bottle for at least 9 months before release.



*Valle dell'Acate is in Feudo Biddini, in Ragusa province. A significant cultural history permeates the natural heritage of this area dating back to the classical Greeks. Grape rows branch off for seventy hectares between the sinuous hills carved by Dirillo river, called Achates by the Romans. It was Giuseppe Jacono who started wine production, opening the winery at the end of XIX century. In 1981 Giuseppe Jacono Jr. started Valle dell'Acate to continue wine production based on south-eastern Sicily's native grapes. In 1996 Gaetana Jacono, his daughter, joined the company and carries on the traditions and culture of her ancient family and their unique region of Sicily.*