



ZISOLA

The Mazzei family, raising the profile of Nero d'Avola

Owners of Castello di Fonterutoli in Chianti, the Mazzei family have been making renowned wines since the 14th century and are closely linked to the history of winemaking in Tuscany. Today, three generations work together running the Zisola estate, just outside Noto in Sicily, which they purchased in 2002: Lapo Mazzei with the help of his sons, Filippo and Francesco, and Filippo's son, Giovanni. The family devotes itself to winemaking, with a constant commitment to innovation and improvement while respecting tradition, family values and the natural environment.

The Zisola estate comprises approximately 50 hectares, 21 of which have been returned to their original use of vine-growing interspersed with olive, citrus and almond trees. Situated at approximately 130 metres above sea level, the gently sloping vineyards have a west south-west exposure.

A combination of long warm summers which enable the grapes to ripen fully, combined with cooling sea breezes, allowing aromatics to develop, and ensure that healthy grapes are grown. This guarantees consistency from vintage to vintage and enables the production of elegant wines of great finesse and varietal character.

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