



1215 Wine Bar & Coffee Lab

FUSO, "Cala" Terre Siciliane 2021

Varietal:

Nero d'Avola, Grillo

Region:

Sicily, Italy

Farming:

Certified Organic

Soil Type:

White & Gray Limestone, Clay

Fermentation:

Stainless Steel

Dry/Sweet:

Dry

Body:

3/5

Acid:

3/5

Tannin:

3/5

ABOUT THE WINE

We aren't huge fans of bringing you wines from the same producer back-to-back, but this wine we're going to make an exception on because even though it's under the FUSO label, it is actually produced in a totally different region of Italy than last month's wine, plus it's so good! As a FUSO refresher:

FUSO is a project from Porto Vino that curates natural Italian wines from all over the country and imports them to the US. Unlike regular imports in which the farmers and winemakers do their thing and then the importer's job is to transport and ensure quality, this project is heavily involved from start to finish. "FUSO's our project to search for and bottle natural wines from farmers we know here in Italy. We work with them choosing specific vineyards and are present for fermentation, élevage, sample tasting, and eventual bottling. A part of our team lives full-time in Italy, so we're in a unique position to be close to the production side." -Porto Vino.

This FUSO bottling comes to us from Sicily from winemaker Dario Serrentino, who believes the desert-like soils of the vineyard help keep the grapes protected from the intense sun exposure, which could easily over-ripen the grapes. There may be something to that because while we do have a few producers that we really like their Nero d'Avola wines from Sicily, many versions of this grape often taste overripe and flabby (think jammy sweet flavors that lack acidity and personality) to us. This wine is a fun co-ferment with a tiny bit of the local white grape Grillo, that helps brighten the acidity and enhances the flavor profile nicely in our opinion. "Cala" is the Sicilian word for grape, which may come from the limestone soils of the area (Calcareia). This wine has enough texture and body to keep you warm on the cold winter nights ahead but also has enough personality and spunk to get any party going!

Playful with a berry bouquet, followed by earthy flavors and a black tea like finish.

