



CANTINE BARBERA

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## SICILY AND SARDINIA

Un-drenched and hot, Sicily is one of Italy's wine-producing regions. Yet its total output increased significantly in the mid- to late 1990s as wine led by the Planeta family, shifted from bulk production to bottling quality wines. Today, Nero d'Avola grape has become a well-regarded, country-style reds, mixing ripe dark cherry notes on a robust frame.

Some of wineries make good to very good versions. Cusumano's Nero d'Avola (2011, \$12) stands out for its combination of solid density and wide availability.

### **89 Cantine Barbera Nero d'Avola Sicilia 2011**

**\$16** On the earthy side, with solid density to the dark plum and black cherry notes that are woven with hints of bitter almond, *garrigue* and olive paste on the savory finish. Drink now. 3,700 cases made.—N.W.