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## 2019 Morgante Nero d'Avola-Sicily, Italy

Sicily is a wonderful source of diverse, high quality red wines. Steadily increasing in popularity over the past few decades, Italy's fourth largest wine-producing region is finally receiving the accolades it deserves and shining in today's global market. Of particular note are the various microclimates of Europe's largest volcano, Mount Etna, where vineyards grow on drastically steep hillsides and varying aspects to the Ionian Sea. Nero d'Avola is the most widely planted red variety, and is great either as single varietal bottling or in blends with other indigenous varieties or even with international ones. In Sicily, Nero d'Avola is the undisputed red grape for wines of excellence, and it is this vine that the Morgante family has always cultivated. The winery is located in the pristine countryside of southern Sicily, a hilly region located about 1200-1800 feet above sea level and just 45 miles from the splendid Valley of the Temples of Agrigento. This wine shows aromas of ripe black cherries and blackberries accompanied by hints of vanilla, peppery spice, and smoke. On the palate, abundant flavors of ripe fruit and exotic spices are balanced by a pleasing acidity and silky tannins. 92 PTS JS

Pairing: This wine pairs best with lasagna, meatballs, pizza, red meat and lamb tagine. It works well lamb, duck, and beef. BBQ lovers - pair Nero d'Avola wine with burgers.

## 2021 Terra Santa Île de Beauté Rosé- Corsica, France

This wine is from the Mediterranean island of Corsica, on the East Coast, near the town of Aléria. Terra Santa means "Land Blessed by the Gods". The wine is made from 100% Sciaccarellu (Sciaccarelo), a native grape of Corsica and is known to produce highly drinkable (warning!) and lightly spiced red and rosé wines. The Union de Vignerons de l'Île de Beauté (UVIB) is an association of growers on the island of Corsica based near the town of Aléria. Their Terra Santa Rosé is 100% Sciaccarellu, a grape native to the island. It is a very pale pink with aromas of white peach, crunch strawberry, and fresh raspberry. This wine has notes of white raspberry and strawberry. The beauty of Corsican rosés is the intensity and texture of the wines. There is texture and complexity on the palate which rivals that of Provence.

Pairings: This is a wine that pairs well with everything. Think salads, roasts, sushi, and fish dishes. Fresh cow's milk cheese such as Mozzarella or Burrata, fresh shucked oysters, oven-roasted fish, or even pineapple upside-down cake.