



## Cusumano

### Sicilia IGT "Benuara" 2006

**Winemaker(s):** Alberto Cusumano

**Country:** Italy

**Region:** Sicilia

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**Closure:** Vino Lok

Cusumano's wines come from premium sites all over Sicily, and are produced at the Partinico (straight west of Palermo) based family winery by third generation winemakers and brothers Diego and Alberto Cusumano. They craft wines of the 'new' Sicily typified by outstanding varietal expression, rich flavors, and a sensuality that could only be born under the Sicilian sun. Wine insiders have long predicted that Sicily would one day become Europe's dominant wine region. The sheer number of prime vineyard sites available, the diversity of microclimates and soils throughout the island, make it possible for Sicilian winemakers to work not only with exciting native varietals, but also with many international grapes. Cusumano is the pre-eminent producer turning that prediction into reality.

#### Tasting Notes:

This blend of Nero d'Avola and Syrah combines the best known Sicilian indigenous red with the refinement of an international varietal, and a judicious amount of oak. The end result is an unforgettable combination of: a floral perfume, thick red and black fruit, medium to full-bodied structure, and a well integrated oak finish. Benuara is the name of the local red wildflower pictured on the label.

#### Technical Notes:

70% Nero d'Avola, 30% Syrah. Destemmed, Cold maceration for 2 days at 7 degrees Celsius. Traditional fermentation at 26 -28 degrees Celsius with frequent re-circulation and removal of the must. Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel. Fining in tank. 80% aged in stainless steel, 20% in 20 hectolitre barrels.



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*The 2006 Benuara (70% Nero d'Avola and 30% Syrah) presents a darker profile as well as greater body. Pretty notes of licorice and tar develop in the glass. I would choose to drink this on the early side. (February 2008)*