

BARRACO

Marsala, Sicilia



While Marsala is famous for its solera-aged wines, Nino Barraco is unusual in that he specialises in wines made the way they were before the sweet tooth of the British prevailed.

Nino took over his family's vineyards in 2004 and from the outset he has worked organically, focussing on the native grapes of his Western Sicily and single vineyard wines, hoping to show others the potential he sees in the region he calls home.

His remote vineyards are spread out up and down the coast and Nino works as hard as any grower we have met, constantly driving his beat up Fiat through the sand dunes to check on his plants. In the cantina his aim is simply to guide the wine from vineyard to glass.

Nino's are wines with an uncanny sense of place. With each swirl and sip they transport you to Marsala; the warmth, the breeze, the golden light and the sense that the sea is never too far away. They are savoury, sun-kissed wines that, like Nino, have a lot to say.

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Grillo from a vineyard which sits on a sand dune, right by the Mediterranean. The grapes are picked around a month earlier than his regular Grillo to retain freshness, acidity and verve. They spend just a day on skins, followed by a short *élevage* in concrete. It was bottled the following April with no additions and is a little more open and fruit forward than usual, with delicate flavours of sea salt and lemon zest. Alongside some crudo, it makes for a remarkable apéritif.