



## Poggio Anima

2020

# 'ASMODEUS'

*Nero d'Avola | Sicilia - Italy*



ORGANIC



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Nero d'Avola  
**Vineyard:** Single site in Caltanissetta  
**Vine Age:** Average: 28-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Volcanic sand & clay  
**Viticulture:** Practicing organic  
**Fermentation:** Inoculated – stainless-steel  
**Skin Contact:** 12-15 days  
**Aging:** 2-3 months in used oak barrels  
**Alcohol:** 13%  
**pH:** 3.62  
**Total Acidity:** 5.2 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 84 ppm  
**Total Production:** 1,667 cases  
**UPC:** 8009720634252

### About

In the Book of Tobias, an ancient Hebrew text, Asmodeus is the Demon of Lust. It is said that when Cain killed Abel, Adam and Eve separated for 130 years. During this time, Adam was tempted by Naamah and Lillith, two demons of prostitution. Asmodeus is the offspring of the relationship between Naamah and Adam. Of all of the varietals of Italy, Nero d'Avola is as lustful and pleasurable as it gets. Rich, peppery and opulent. It has many of the same characteristics of Syrah and is the most important grape of Sicily. The vineyard is located in central Sicily, in the province of Caltanissetta, at about 1,600 feet above sea level. The altitude, together with the distance from the sea ensures great condition for ripening the Nero d'Avola. The vines are planted south facing following the vertical trellis system on sandy and clay rich soil using guyot pruning.

After a much needed few hours in a refrigerated space, the grapes were destemmed and cold soaked on the skins for 12-15 days with frequent délestage. A gentle pressing to stainless steel tank followed where they were vinified. The wine then spends 2-3 months in used French and American oak barrels, which gives a little more structure.

### Tasting Note

Dark garnet. A complex bouquet of ripe plums, black pepper, and tobacco emerges from the glass. The palate has a medium-plus body with a touch of candied berry balanced by alert acidity. It finishes with a licorice sweetness and grippy tannins.