

## MARSALA VERGINE RISERVA 1988

### The wine of contradiction

Our **Marsala Vergine** (“Virgin”) **Riserva 1988** is for sure the most controversial reserve ever crafted by Marco De Bartoli, the expression of the inner contradiction so typical in the Sicilian culture.

In 1988, Marco challenged himself with this marsala style wine as well, always and deliberately left aside because the only wine which could be proud holder of the “virgin” attribute was, in his vision, his Vecchio Samperi, obtained with no fortification at all.

Today, Marco’s children, Renato, Sebastiano and Giuseppina have decided to share this one of a kind wine, this unreleased wine so traditional and modern at the same time, that is the fruit of the tireless experimentation pursued by Marco all along the years.

**Classification:** Marsala Vergine Riserva, PDO.

**Grape:** Grillo 100%.

**Alcohol (% ABV):** 19.

**Total SO 2:** 32 g/l.

**Acidity:** 9.

**Residual sugar:** 26 g/l.

**Territory:** Western Sicily, Samperi district, Marsala - Italy.

**Vineyard surface (ha):** 12 (about 29 ac).

**Age of vines:** over 20 to over 40 years.

**Training system:** single Guyot; 3,500 plants per hectare.

**Soil:** limestone, sandy loam, level land.

