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Sicilian Nero d'Avola wine

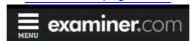
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Flowers, chocolate and romantic meals all seem to be firmly entrenched Valentine's Day traditions. Sicilian wine? Not so much. So we were pleasantly surprised to receive a bottle of Sicilian Nero d'Avola from a company marketing the red wine as a part of a Valentine's Day promotion. The only logical choice was to open the bottle and give it a try.

Sicilia DOC, the official organization of Sicilian wines, describes Nero d'Avola like this:

Royal ruby, with aromas of red flowers, strawberry, sour cherry, to more structured wines with aromas of ripe cherry, rose, sweet spices, licorice and cocoa, a structured, full body, healthy acidity and tannins.

That's a bit much "wine-speak" for us. But it was no surprise that we did enjoy this bottle...we're already fans of Sicilian wine courtesy of a Sicilian friend who's in the restaurant business. This particular wine was a **2014 Sedara** from the **Donnafugata** company.



A Valentine's Day wine? Perhaps. But for us, Nero d'Avola is a good everyday choice that pairs especially well with southern Italian food.

Salute!