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2019 Morgante Nero d'Avola-Sicily, Italy

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Pairing: This wine pairs best with lasagna, meatballs, pizza, red meat and lamb tagine. It works well lamb, duck, and beef. BBQ lovers - pair Nero d'Avola wine with burgers.

2021 Nicosia Frappato di Vittoria Sabbie di Sutta- Sicily, Italy

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Frappato is one of Sicily's exciting indigenous red It makes a lively single varietal wine as well with charming strawberry, pomegranate, white pepper and violet qualities. Frappato is a likely descendant of the Tuscan Ciliegiolo grape, which is named after the Italian word for cherry. In the glass, this wine shines a vivid ruby red with violet highlights. Frappato is a typical grape variety of the south-eastern part of Sicily. Made from only organic and carefully selected grapes, this wine is distinctive for the pleasant aroma of red fruit, raspberries and blueberries. Its taste is lively, fresh and smooth. The palate is lively, fruity and smooth, with refined tannins and a distinctive minerality 90 PTS Vinous

Pairings: Pair with antipasti, tapas, pasta, pizza. risotto with meat or mushrooms, hamburgers, bacon burger, roasted or grilled meat.