Florio

COUNTRY
Italy

REGION
Sicily

APPELLATION
DOC Marsala Superiore Riserva Semisecco

Marsala Superiore Riserva Semisecco 2008

VARIETALS
Majority Grillo and Cataratto

VINEYARD PHILOSOPHY
Traditional farming philosophy

VINEYARD NAME
Marsala DOC Area

SIZE	ALTITUDE	TERRAIN	SOIL TYPE
120 hectares	0-250 meters	Valley Floor and Rolling Hills	Medium-textured and sandy red

YIELD	DENSITY	CULTIVATION	VINE AGE
7,000 kg per hectare	3,700 vines per hectare	Guyot	15 years

CLIMATE
Insular with mild winters and very hot, dry summers, marked by strong winds.

HARVEST PERIOD
Starts in mid-September, by hand, with very ripe grapes that are high in residual sugars and polyphenols.

VINIFICATION
Pressing of grapes with a higher sugar content, while maintaining the skin contact with must. Fermentation occurs at a controlled temperature in concrete to maintain the tannins and prepare the wine for its encounter with alcohol.

FORTIFICATION
Occurred in 2008. Florio Base Wine, must, and alcohol (neutral grape spirit) were combined.

AGING
Aged in singular, old wooden kegs and casks for 15 years, moving position in the cellar along the way, followed by three months in bottle. 1.5 micron filtration.

LONGEVITY
If stored in suitable cellars, this Marsala wine can live essentially forever.

NO. OFF BOTTLES PRODUCED
5933

ANALYTICAL DATA

ABV	TOTAL ACIDITY	NET DRY EXTRACT	RES. SUGAR	ANGEL'S SHARE
19% Alc./Vol.	5.5 g/l, pH 3.5	27 g/l	80 g/l	28 %

TASTING & PAIRINGS
Appearance: Amber with topaz tinges.
Nose: Notes of Italian pastry cream, raisins and vanilla.
Palate: Candied and dried fruit, dates, and roasted nuts, with a slight hint of liquorice and bitter cocoa.
Pairings: Savory cheeses, fresh fish, roasted meats, or sweet desserts.
How to Savor: Sip neat as an aperitif, digestif, or in between with dinner.
Serving Temperature: 57-60°F

VOLIO'S QUICK TAKE
Rediscover the beauty and versatility of Marsala — Italy's fortified wine — with this award-winning, semi-dry Superiore Riserva. The winery illustrates the fortification process as "falling in love," which is exactly what happens when you taste this wine. As the world's oldest Marsala winery, and leader in premium Marsala DOC production, Florio is the simple choice.

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AVAILABLE FORMATS
750 ml