

# AZIENDA AGRICOLE COS

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## Sicilian Renaissance

SOUTHERN ITALY IS FULL OF SURPRISING QUALITY

Sicily has been going through a wine renaissance during the past two decades, and the region now ranks among the best places in Italy for fine wines.

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Giusto Occhipinti and two friends opened COS (he's the "O" in the name) in the southeastern province of Ragusa, in the town of Vittoria, in the early 1980s. COS is mainly responsible for reviving Cerasuolo di Vittoria, the red wine made typically from 60% Nero d'Avola and 40% Frappato. Employing used barrels rather than new barriques, COS produces arguably the finest version of this delicious wine. COS also makes a fine Frappato and an excellent Grecanico called Pitthos Bianco.



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