

Wine of the month



Azienda e Vigneto Feudi della Medusa

FEUDI DELLA MEDUSA • Isola dei Nuraghi IGT "Genone" 2004

GERIONE, A RED FROM LEGEND

A bottle for discriminating palates blended from wines from different grapes by Feudi della Medusa in southern Sardinia

Sicily-born Francesco Sicilari makes wine on Sardinia. He and his German wife Heide visited in the 1960s but the bush-trained vineyards and unspoiled environment had disappeared when they returned 20 years later. Nevertheless, they planted their first three hectares and set out to make great wines, calling in top-drawer enologists, vineyard experts and soil specialists. One of the first wines to emerge from Feudi della Medusa was Gerione, from the local bovale with cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and syrah, all vinified separately. It was an instant success, particularly with the more discriminating consumers. The 2004

vintage is from 50% cagnulari, 25% syrah and 25% cabernet franc. Varieties in the mix are selected as the wine evolves.

PERSISTENT AND FRESH-TASTING

Our panel enjoyed the 2004 vintage, which spent 18 months in small barrels and almost a year in glass. Its deep ruby red is shot with garnet. Liqueur cherry and plum-led fruit slowly reveals grace notes of toastiness, saddle leather and licorice. Intense and warm, with refreshing acidity, the easy-drinking palate lingers with balanced fruit flavors. Ideal with full-flavored meat dishes, such as roasts, stews and grills.



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THE WINERY

Feudi della Medusa is in the south of Sardinia on mineral-rich, seaside soils scattered with pink granite rocks. The 50 hectares of local and international varieties are at the winery and there are long-term leases on another 20 hectares, in three different parts of the island, specializing in local varieties, such as cannonau, vermentino, cagnulari and carignano. Cropping levels rarely exceed 50 quintals per hectare. Some of the vines are more than 100 years old, some grow at elevations of up to 500 meters and some grow on ungrafted rootstock.

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The 50 hectares of vines framing the winery cascade down the granite rocks toward the sea.

DO YOU KNOW?

Before release to market, Gerione matures for 18 months in barrique and for another 12 in glass.

IN A NUTSHELL

MATCH WITH...

- Meat roasts, stews and grills
- Mature cheeses, like Sardinian pecorino

GLASS
 Broad; seven cm at rim



APPEARANCE

Deep ruby red with flashes of garnet

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Liqueur cherries, plums, saddle leather and licorice

PALATE

Warm with refreshing acidity and good balance

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MYTHOLOGY AT HOME



Feudi della Medusa owes its name to its owners' interest in art and ancient history, and to the fact that the estate is near Nora, a town founded in the tenth century before Christ – the ruins are still visible today. Nora was founded by Norax, a descendant of the mythological Medusa.

The wine is named after another figure from Greek mythology, Geryon, a giant who had three torsos, three heads and only two arms. Dante Alighieri describes Geryon in his Divine Comedy, albeit in the slightly different form of a man with the body of a dragon and the tail of a scorpion.

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