



# A WINE LOVER'S GUIDE TO PALERMO

Discover the best food  
and wine this Sicilian city  
has to offer.

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Palermo, the capital of Sicily, is renowned for its rich history, varied cuisine and distinct Arab-Norman architecture, with multiple churches and buildings classified as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Thanks to its stunning palaces, beautiful squares, treasured museums and historic buildings, the city was named Italy's Capital of Culture for 2018 by the country's ministry for cultural heritage.

As tourism has increased, so too has Palermo's wining and dining scene, which boasts more options than ever. Restaurants and *enoteche*, or wine bars, concentrate on local ingredients and crafted lists that showcase Sicily's vibrant, savory wines, many made with the island's native grapes.



### Le Cattivu

This new, stylish venue is a combination café, wine bar and restaurant located in Palazzo Butera, an 18th-century waterfront palace owned by Francesca and Massimo Valsecchi. The brainchild of the Tasca d'Almerita Sicilian winemaking family, it embraces the Valsecchis' vision to convert the palace into a cultural focal point and highlights Sicily's culture through cuisine, wine and events. Savory dishes are made with seasonal ingredients, while terroir-driven wines highlight distinct growing areas and grapes that include those from Tasca's five individual estates.



### Osteria dei Vespri

Owned by brothers Andrea and Alberto Rizzo, this intimate restaurant is located in the historic center of Palermo and offers a tasting menu of revamped traditional Sicilian dishes often enhanced with specialties from around the world. Though offerings change with the seasons, seafood specialties like red tuna with Nebrodi hazelnut crust, mustard, yogurt, chives and wild chicory are highly recommended. The wine list is updated frequently, with the cellar housing some 650 labels centered on Sicily's distinctive wines as well as solid showings from Italy's top denominations.