

Fenici Wines

In 2008, Meridiana flanked its premium range of wines with an export line of Fenici wines. In 2011, a Rosé was launched to complete the range.

The name '*Fenici*' (fe-*ni-chi*) pays tribute to the Phoenicians who, during the first millennium BC, spread winemaking culture throughout the Mediterranean and endowed European Malta with its distinctive Semitic language.

Fenici White (Vermentino & Viognier of Malta) is characterised by fresh, natural, exotic fruit flavours.

Fenici Rosé is produced using estate grown red grapes, and is characterised by fresh, natural, red berry flavours.

Fenici Red (*Syrah & Merlot of Malta*) is distinguished by soft, ripe cherry-plum and peppery spice flavours, enhanced by light oak nuances.





Red Wines

Meridiana's red wines are carefully matured in French oak barriques and in the bottle. Our overriding purpose is to conserve the wines' natural fruit flavours.

Melqart (Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot of Malta) - Made from an artful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes, Melqart is characterised by mellow, ripe berry flavours. The name Melqart recalls the Phoenician god of sailors worshipped in Malta during the Punic period.

Bel (Syrah of Malta) - Made from Syrah grapes, Bel is characterised by silky, prune and peppery spice flavours. The name Bel recalls the Phoenician god of fertility worshipped under various names throughout the Punic world.

Nexus (*Merlot of Malta*) - Made from Merlot grapes, Nexus is characterised by soft, ripe, cherry-plum flavours. The name Nexus celebrates the marriage between Malta's Old World geographical location and Meridiana's New World vinicultural technology.

Celsius (Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon of Malta) - Made from longer-aged Cabernet Sauvignon, Celsius is characterised by harmonious, full-bodied, chocolate-blackcurrant flavours. The name Celsius highlights the central role played by temperature control in Meridiana's winemaking philosophy.





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White Wines

Isis (*Chardonnay of Malta*) - Made from Chardonnay grapes, Isis is characterised by fresh, natural, tropical fruit flavours. The name Isis recalls the Phoenician goddess of sailors whose vigilant eye still graces the prow of the Maltese fishing *luzzu*.

Astarte (Vermentino of Malta) - Produced exclusively from Vermentino grapes, Astarte is characterised by a delicate, intense aroma with hints of flowers and tropical and citrus fruits. The name Astarte recalls the Phoenician goddess of fertility worshipped in Malta during the Punic period.

Hugh Johnson's Rave Review of Meridiana's Wines

Hugh Johnson's world best-selling Pocket Wine Guide 2014, when surveying Malta, stated:

"Antinori-backed Meridiana is in the lead, producing excellent Maltese Isis and Mistral Chardonnays, Astarte Vermentino, Melqart Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, Nexus Merlot, *outstanding Bel Syrah*, and premium Celsius Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve from island vines."

The bold italics are Hugh Johnson's. We propose to give Hugh the opportunity to also sample Fenici wines in time for future Pocket Wine Guide editions.