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### FEUDO PRINCIPI DI BUTERA AT SICILIA EN PRIMEUR 2013

*The Sicilian Estate of the Zonin Family presents at the Event*

*an Outstanding 2012 Vintage and New Studies on a potential Insolia Cru*

From April 26 to 28 2013 the enchanting Hotel Piazza Borsa in Palermo hosts the tenth edition of Sicilia en Primeur, an annual event that celebrates the excellence of Sicilian wines. Among other top producers, Feudo Principi di Butera will welcome International and Italian press tours in the winery and attend the tasting in Palermo with its wines:

- **Insolia Sicilia IGT 2012**
- **Nero d'Avola Sicilia IGT 2011**
- **Riesi DOC 2011**
- **Symposio Sicilia IGT 2011**
- **Deliella Sicilia IGT 2011.**

Feudo Principi di Butera, one of the flagships Estates of the Zonin family, is a beautiful example of exploitation of Sicilian wine production at the beginning of the third millennium. The property is located in the Riesi D.O.C. zone, in the Province of Caltanissetta, and includes 320 hectares of land, of which 180 are of recently planted vineyards: it represents the biggest investment in vineyards and wine production made by the Zonin family, which bought it in 1997. Feudo Principi di Butera is one of Sicily's outstanding wineries and it has been **responsible for launching Nero d'Avola and Insolia** – the two most representative indigenous varieties of the island - **on international markets**, although the great international cultivars such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Chardonnay have also performed very well here and have gained unanimous praise from wine critics.

This historic domaine, which once belonged to the Branciforte Princes and to the Lanza di Scaleas, now boasts state-of-the-art winemaking equipment that allows us to make world-famous wines that express all the spirit and force of Sicily. That of Feudo Principi di Butera is a privileged terroir: the hillsides here are subject to the strong, warm light from the south and the breezes that blow in from the nearby sea. This land lies in the heart of Sicily, the Region that in the last few years has really established itself, winning great success with its wines, and which has **a great deal of potential still to be expressed.**

Referring to vintage 2012, Claudio Galosi - Feudo Principi di Butera oenologist - states: "*The harvest definitely went beyond expectations and we are more than happy with our results. From the quality point of view, **2012 vintage was amazing**: we obtained good intensity and a great complexity of aromas in our wines, maintaining freshness and drinkability*".

Aware of the increasing quality of Feudo Principi di Butera wines, Domenico Zonin - Vicepresident of Casa Vinicola Zonin with responsibility for production - considers future plans for his family's Estate in Sicily: "*We are doing in depth researches on cultivation and vinification of a **selection of Insolia...** when we are fully satisfied with the outcomes of our work, we'll propose a cru of this beautiful native Sicilian variety to the market. I believe this is going to happen within the next two years*"-

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