



## **"MARSALA" is elected EUROPEAN WINE CITY 2013**

**The RECEVIN Board of Directors, met in Vilafranca on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012, has decided to award the prize European Wine City 2013 to the Italian city of Marsala.**

This award recognizes the candidate showing the most representative proposal of the essence of an **European Wine City**, through a set of initiatives organized, aiming to strengthen the influence of Wine Culture in society, landscape, economy, gastronomy and heritage enabling greater understanding of it for all European Union Citizens.

The Italian city of **Marsala** proposes an application composed by great diversity of activities around the wine tourism, covering many sectors: food, art, culture, sports, education and training, etc.

**Marsala** is a municipality belonging to the province of Trapani, and is located on the west coast of Sicily (Italy). It has 82.774 inhabitants, being, for this reason, the fourth Sicilian municipality. In its 241 km<sup>2</sup> of extension has a rich cultural heritage and landscape. With an economy based mainly on agriculture and focused on the wine industry, Marsala has developed its tourist potential in recent years. It is a major Sicilian cities in terms of archaeological, monumental and landscape. Marsala is the seat of the Controlled Origin Denomination. The **Wine of Marsala** is a world-renowned wine, with in are distinguished different types depending on the aging time. It is produced using white grape varieties Grillo, Inzolia and Catarratto

The contest **European Wine City** has a rotating basis among the various countries of the RECEVIN network that has been established in 2012 in Portugal, **in 2013 in Italy**, in 2014 in Spain and in 2015 in France.

In 2012 it was awarded the Portuguese city of **Palmela**, who holds the title until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The municipality of Palmela on the Setubal peninsula, has 62.549 inhabitants and an estimated production of 34 million liters of wine. Palmela has organized for this year 2012 a large number of high-level activities to promote the territory and the Wines of Setúbal Peninsula. The **Wines of Palmela** belong to DOC Setúbal. There are two types of Moscatel de Setúbal, white and red, made respectively to cleave grape Moscatel of Setúbal and Red Moscatel.

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