

ETNA ROSSO CONTRADA PICCIOLO 2020 D.O.C

Denominatie: Etna Rosso D.O.C.

Varietal: Nerello Mascalese 100%

Production area: Rovittello, Etna / Northern exposure

Total production: 1.300 bottles

Soil: black, brownish volcanic sand, volcanic rocks

Training system: bush-training with chestnut poles

Viticultura: organic, sustainable, limited to traditional working methods

Vineyard: historical with century old vines, at on average 670 meters above sea level

Plantation density: 6.000 vines per Ha
Yield: average 5.000 kg per Ha
Harvest: manual, 15 October 2020

Vinification: soft destalking and rolling pressing after careful selection of the grapes

Fermentation: with controlled temperature maceration in stainless steel with selected yeast

Time of maceration: maceration on the skin for 8-10 days at a temperature between 23 and 26°C

to extract colors and prefumes, spontaneous malolactic fermentation

Oenologist: Giandomenico Negro

Ageing: 8 months in stainless steel plus 6 months ripening in bottle,

drink from December 2021

Alcohol content: 13,7% vol. Serving temperature: 16-18° C.

TASTING NOTES

Color: medium intensity ruby red color

Scent: intense and clean with a bouquet that enhances the red fruit notes, with gentle

spicy aromas where black pepper and white pepper stand out

Taste: on the palate is fresh, light with well extracted tannins and a long and mineral

finish, the territory is faithfully expressed

CONTRADA PICCIOLO

The contrada (geographacally limited area) is nestled between the lava flows of Mount Etna from 1911 and 1923, located on the north-west side of the Etna volcano at an average height of about 670 meters above the sea level. A favorable microclimate and the black and sandy lava soil rich in microelements nourish the plants. The vines have a long seasonal cycle where the grapes can ripen slowly and completly. Here we welcome regular winds, which help, together with organic cultivation, avoid commun vine diseases as well as biodiversity in the vineyard. Working organically here comes naturally.

VINTAGE 2020

With a cold winter and mild spring, the vegetative cycles in 2020 were balanced and produced healthy and well-ripened grapes. October 15 the harvest was completed. Thanks to normal climatic conditions, the 2020 vintage was very good and the wine stands out for their great finesse and minerality and have a good alcohol percentage (13,7%). As expected, the yield was low.

The characteristics of Nerello Mascalese on this side of Etna are well expressed.



organic and traditional, wine from the volcano