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Etna Rosato DOC - Cottanera

The Producer:

The wines produced from the vineyards surrounding the Etna volcano are the new, re-discovered wines of the last decade. In the 1990s Etna was on its death bed with just a handful of producers. Then in the 2000s the region and the local grape varieties were recognised as being capable of making great wines. Nerello Mascalese is a local grape identified as such in the 18th century. It is almost exclusively grown in Sicily and mainly in the east of the island around the volcano. The vineyards are all in local districts called Contrada, each of which has different characteristics to bring to its wines. Cottanera was founded in the 1990s by Guglielmo Cambria together with his brother Enzo and is now recognised as being one of the key wineries that sparked the Etna revival. Etna Rosato production is relatively small.

The Wine:

Grape(s): 100% Nerello Mascarese

Area: From vineyards in Contrada Diciasettesalme, just north of the

volcano with a mix of volcanic and alluvial soils.

Altitude: 750m above sea level Training system: Cordone Speronato

Vines per ha.: 5,700
Yield: 45hl/ha
Av. age of vines: 10 years old
Harvest: Early September

Vinification: After a soft pressing there is a cold maceration in the press at a

controlled temperature, below 4°C for 4/5 hours to extract the colour. This is followed by a 20 day fermentation at 170C. There

is no malolactic fermentation.

Ageing: Aged on its yeasts in stainless steel vats until February when it is

bottled.

Tasting Notes:

- A rich wine, with a full bodied flavour which represents within itself the characteristics of the volcanic soil.
- Etnarosato is the latest addition produced by Cottanera. The new Nerello Mascalese is distinguished by its floral notes and hints of ripe fruit, and aromatic herbs. A rich wine, with a full bodied flavour which represents within itself the characteristics of the volcanic soil.

Code: 2701
ABV: 12,5%
Pack: 6x75cl
Vegan: Yes
Vegeterian: Yes
Closure: Cork

Awards: 2015 - 91 Decanter



