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TASTING NOTES

Dynamite example of old vines from Etna. Structured and intense without being too tight to drink young. Bouquet of red fruits, tobacco, and earth.

Calabretta Vigne Vecchie

COUNTRY

Italy

ABV

14.5%

REGION

Sicily

VARIETALS

Nerello Mascalese

Nerello Cappuccio

APPELLATION

Terre Sicillane IGT

WINERY

For four generations, the Calabretta family has grown grapes in accordance with the centuries-old traditions natural farming methods of Etna. The mountain itself is omnipresent with the vineyards criss-crossed by volcanic stone walls. The volcanic soil of the area, combined with the dramatic temperature differential from day to night, yield grapes of singular expression. Calabretta's vineyards have evolved naturally so that the vines are intermingled with olive trees and fruit orchards—theirs is a vineyard truly in touch with its surrounding environment.

In 1997, Massimo & Massimiliano (son & nephew of Salvatore & Concetta), built a new winery and started to bottle and sell the Calabretta wines all over the world. Today, they continue to make wines of Etna Rosso and Etna Rosato but have also experimented with new single-variety wines, including Climax and Contrada varieties.

CULTIVATION

The wines from Calabretta are firmly rooted in the traditionalist camp. Organic farming, aging for extended periods in old, large format barrels, and zero intervention lets these wines speak transparently about their volcanic origins.

VINIFICATION

Natural malolactic fermentation.