



Etna D.O.C. Cru ROVITTELLO

ETNA ROSSO

D.O.C. (11/8/1968).

Area of production:

countryside Rovittello on the northern side of the Etna, commune of Castiglione di Sicilia (Ct).

Altitude:

750 m asl.

Climate:

high rainfall and humidity with great temperature changes throughout the day.

Terrain:

sandy, volcanic, very rich in minerals with subacid reaction.

Grape Variety:

Nerello Mascalese (Negrello) grown as alberello (free standing bush). This is the main indigenous vine of the Etnean region. It has large medium-compact bunches, with medium-sized grapes having skins light blue, very pruinose. Taste is sweet and vary tannic. Nerello Cappuccio or Mantellato (mantled), grown as alberello (free standing bush). The place of origin is unknown. It has medium-small sized compact bunches, medium-sized grapes, blue-black skins. Taste is sweet and slightly tannic.

Density of implantation:

9,000 vinestocks per hectare.

Grapes yield per hectare:

65 q.

Age of vineyards:

80 years.

Vinification:

the grapes at late ripening (2nd decade of October) are traditionally vinified in red with long maceration of the must with the skins.

Maturation:

after malolactic fermentation, the wine matures in small casks (225 liters) for more than one year.

Refining:

in bottles for 8-10 months.

Organoleptic characteristics:

- **Color:** red ruby with tints of garnet red.
- **Smell:** ethereal, intense, delicate with hints of vanilla, chestnut flowers and noble wood.
- **Taste:** elegant, harmonic, remarkably persistent and reasonably tannic.

Alcoholic content:

13-13,5% by VOL.

Serving temperature:

18-20°C, in glasses for red bodied wines.

Gastronomic accompaniment:

with red meat, sauces, wild fowl and mature cheese.

Duration:

it benefits from long permanence in bottle, becoming more austere and mature 4-5 years after harvest.

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Awards

Year: 2003

Vintage: 1999

Event: 12th Concorso International
Vin de Montagne (AO)

Award: Diploma

Year: 2002

Vintage: 1998

Event: 11th Concorso International
Vin de Montagne (AO)

Award: Silver Medal

Year: 2002

Vintage: 1998

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Diploma "Gran Menzione"

Year: 2001

Vintage: 1997

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Diploma "Gran Menzione"

Year: 2000

Vintage: 1997

Event: 9th Concorso International
Vin de Montagne (AO)

Award: Silver Medal

Year: 2000

Vintage: 1996

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Diploma "Gran Menzione"

Year: 1999

Vintage: 1995

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Diploma "Gran Menzione"

Year: 1997

Vintage: 1994

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Diploma "Gran Menzione"

Year: 1996

Vintage: 1993

Event: Concours Mondial de Bruxelles

Award: Silver Medal

Year: 1996

Vintage: 1993

Event: Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly

Award: Bronze Medal

Year: 1996

Vintage: 1993

Event: Challenge International Du Vin

Award: Silver Medal

Year: 1995

Vintage: 1991

Event: International Wine Award – Expovina Zurich

Award: Silver Medal

