



## 2023 ETNA BIANCO DOC

### WINERY

Winemaking in the Benanti family can be traced back to the late 1800s in Viagrande. This deep-rooted passion for wine is what led Giuseppe Benanti to establish the namesake winery in 1988.

### WINE

Selection of Carricante grapes from vineyards located on the eastern and southern slopes of Mount Etna, particularly suitable given the high altitude and abundant luminosity. This wine demonstrates a singular nerve as a product from these region defining slopes and vine selections.

### VINEYARDS

Vines are located on the eastern and southern slopes of Mount Etna. 20 to 60 years old vines, trained as bushes or trellised, trained with free standing bush ("alberello") and spurred cordon systems.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season unfolded with an early burst of warmth and scarce rains, setting the stage for an accelerated vine growth. However, from May to mid-June, a relentless cascade of rain and cool temperatures painted a landscape ripe for severe downy mildew. This affliction marred flowering and diminished yields. Regions that harvested early faced less devastation, while later areas

bore losses of up to 60%. Despite this overall challenging growing season, the harvest arrived ahead of schedule, with grapes reaching a satisfying ripeness, a testament to resilience amid adversity at Benanti.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation occurred for about 12 days at a controlled temperature of 18°C in stainless steel vats, using a specific indigenous yeast selected in the vineyards by Benanti. The maturation occurs in stainless steel on the fine lees for some time.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine color is pale yellow with bright greenish tints. The scent is intense, while also delicate with hints of apple. The taste and body are dry, with mineral, and a pleasant acidity with saline notes and a long finish.



### VINEYARD

Region:	Sicily
Appellation:	Etna D.O.C. Bianco
Soil:	Volcanic sands, rich in minerals, with sub-acid reaction
Age/Exposure:	Ranging from 20 to 60 years East and South
Vine Density:	Vine density ranging from 6,000 to 7,000 vinestocks per hectare
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Carricante
Aging:	The maturation occurs in stainless steel on the fine lees for some time. Refined in the bottle for 2-3 months.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Indigenous
Alcohol:	12.5%
Total Acidity:	6.15g/L
RS:	0.37g/L
pH:	3.45