



FEUDO MONTONI



2022 Catarratto del Masso IGT Terre Siciliane

THE STORY

Masso is the name of the cru from which the grapes hail. The name has its origins in the rocky-sandy stone with high components of iron. This strong mineral structure confers to the wine a particular sapidity and freshness.

VARIETAL

Varietal Composition: 100% Catarratto

VINEYARDS

Area of Production: Cammarata (Agrigento)

Altitude: 700 meters (2,297 feet) above sea level

Exposure: East-facing vineyard

Soil composition: Rocky, sandy, iron-rich

Age of the Vineyard: 55 years old vines, grafted by hand onto wild plants

Vine density: 2,600 vines per hectare (1,053 vines per acre)

Training system: Bush vine

Pruning system: Bush vine

HARVEST

Notes: Handpicked and stored in small cases. Grapes picked in mid October.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation: 100% in cement containers, in contact with the skins for a quarter of the fermentation process.

Aging: Sur lie with batonnage in cement containers for 6 months.

Alcohol: 13.5% | **pH:** 2.9 | **TA:** 6.0 g/L

THE WINE

Tasting Notes: A golden color with lustrous, green reflections. On the nose, it presents delicate notes of bay leaf, wild fennel, orange flower blossom and Sicilian “lumie” lemons. On the palate, it is very fresh and persistent, with a long finish marked with notes of Sicilian bitter almonds.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage was characterized by climatic conditions that were favorable. The annual precipitation was above average and concentrated in the winter, early spring and in the autumn months, towards the end of the harvest. The abundance of rain and snowfall in the winter and early spring caused strong underground reserves of water, which nurtured the vines during the drier months. As rainfall was absent in the summer until mid-September, some areas of the vineyard nonetheless required supplemental irrigation. Temperatures were in line with annual averages and as typical of the land, cool nights offset the hot summer days, allowing for ample acidity to form in the grapes. The 2022 vintage bore excellent fruit, both in terms of quantity and quality.

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