

2024 CONTRADA MONTE SERRA ETNA ROSSO 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

The Contrada Monte Serra in the South-Eastern slope is uniquely perched 450 meters above sea level, is cradled in sandy, mineral-rich soil dotted with ancient pumice stones where century-old Nerello Mascalese is able to develop a singular expression and concentration. Crafted with reverence, this Etna Rosso matures in French oak and stainless steel, harmonizing its volcanic vigor with graceful complexity.

VINEYARDS

Contrada Monte Serra is within the territory of Viagrande, on the south-eastern flank of Mount Etna. Age and training system of vines ranging from 14 to 100+ years old. Head-trained, shortpruned bush vines. Vine density 9,000 vinestocks per hectare (“alberello”), grown on small terraces with dry lava-stone walls.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2024 harvest confirms the climate change already manifested in recent years, with long dry periods interrupted by intense rains, often poorly distributed compared to

the usual water regimes. Since the beginning of the year, temperatures have reached higher levels than the average for the period, remaining high throughout the summer, and without significant temperature variations. The absence of rainfall characterized the entire period of the vegetative and productive cycle of the vine until the months of August and September, when the few rains allowed good levels of ripening in the less early areas, and therefore on the northern slopes and at higher altitudes. Starting from the second half of October, with the harvest almost completely over, abundant rains arrived on the whole of Etna in a few days.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation occurred at a controlled temperature in stainless steel, with a 21 days long maceration, using an indigenous yeast selected in the vineyards by Benanti. Maturation occurs in used tonneaux of French oak for about 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

The wine color is pale ruby red with light tints garnet. The scent is ethereal, spicy, with scents of red fruit. The taste and body is dry, medium-to-full bodied, reasonably tannic, balanced and persistent.

VINEYARD

Region:	Sicily
Appellation:	Etna D.O.C. Rosso
Soil:	Volcanic sands, rich in minerals, with sub-acid reaction (pH 6.4)
Age/Exposure:	Ranging from 14 to 100+ years old; South East exposure
Vine Density:	9,000 vinestocks per hectare
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Nerello Mascalese
Aging:	The wine matures in stainless steel tanks on the fine lees for about 12 months, with frequent stirrings. Refined in the bottle for 6 months.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Selected cultured yeast
Alcohol:	14%
Total Acidity:	5.50 g/L
RS:	0.5 g/L
pH:	3.45