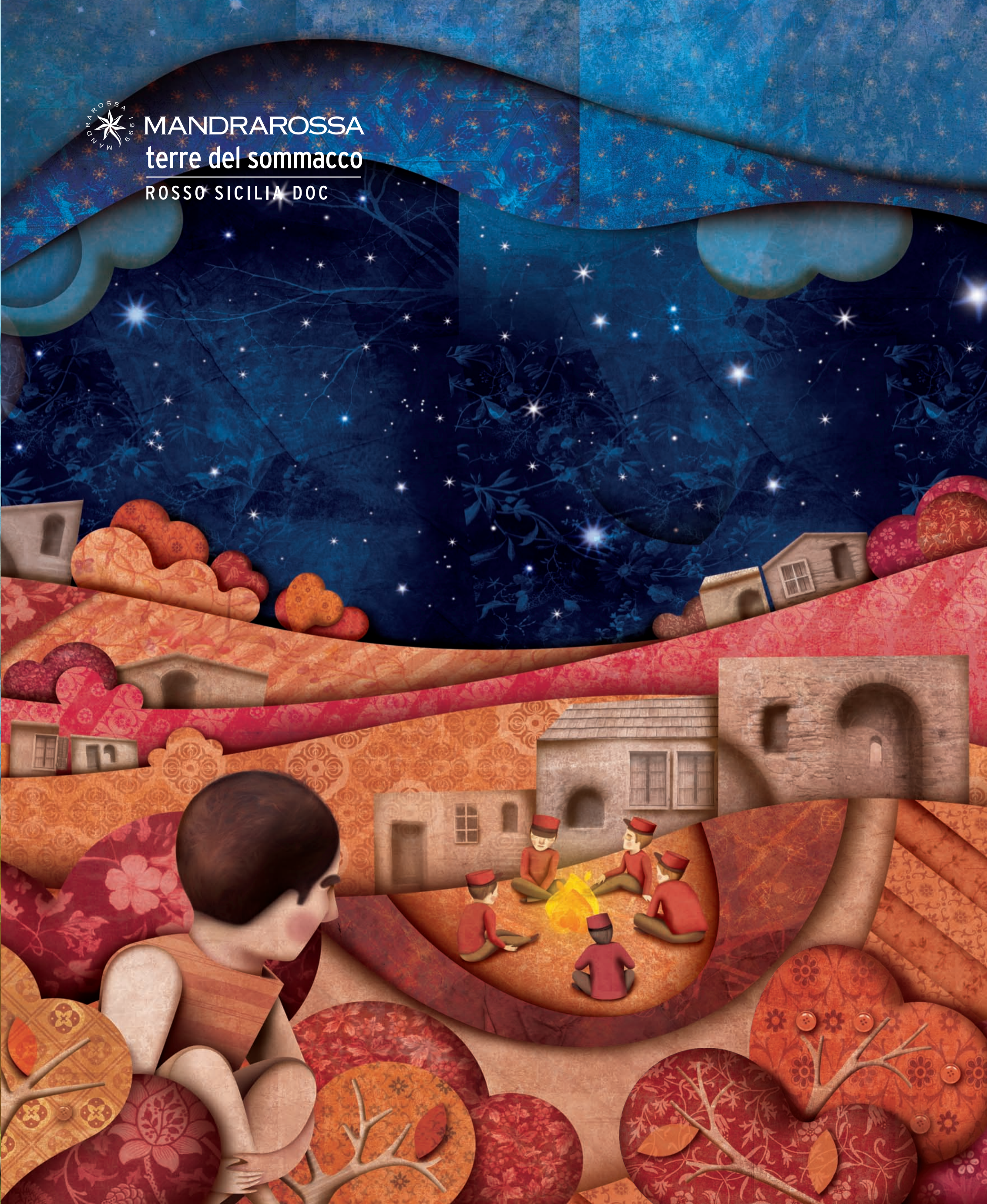




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the territory

le contrade

The territory of Menfi, located on the south-west coast of Sicily, is rich in biodiversity: numerous exposures, slopes, altitudes, sea breezes and sunbeams make it extremely suitable for quality viticulture. Here, Mandrarossa has found a micro region characterised by 100% limestone soils, generating unique wines that are strongly region distinctive.



In the hot summer nights, Antonio's family used to gather in the yard of their country house to listen to ancient stories recounted by the elderly. The tales left the younger ones speechless. The favourite was handed down by each generation to the next: it was about his late great-grandfather who, on a night in late May, many years ago, while he was going hunting, heard some voices and hid among the sumac shrubs near an old farm. From this perspective he saw the arrival of some soldiers in red shirts, hungry and tired. They bedded down in that farm to spend the night, telling of their journeys and adventures. At the first light of dawn they resumed their journey, while the boy was still hidden. All that remains today of that farm are its ruins, surrounded by the sumac shrubs. All that remains of that boy are the dark eyes of his great-grandson Antonio. Those boys were soldiers in Garibaldi's army led by Colonel Orsini.



the study of the soils

the project

Since 2014 an international team of agronomists and soil experts, together with Mandrarossa enologists, have carried out a scientific study on limestone soils and this has defined them a micro region with a high quality potential. The mapping of these soils has revealed wonderful vineyards where it is possible to grow local grapes generating wines such as "Bertolino Soprano" and "Terre del Sommacco", the new wines of Mandrarossa Contrada.



the wine

It is produced from Nero D'Avola single-variety grapes growing in vineyards located on limestone soils, hand-picked in September 2016. The land benefits from the sea breezes that, combined with the consistency of the soil, gives the wine minerality, intense aroma and character. The refinement in French oak barrels makes it embracing, velvety and aromatically complex. The red berries and the marasca cherry, with delicate spicy notes, make it a wine with a strong personality.



bertolino soprano

Every time he comes back to Bertolino Soprano, Santo recalls when he used to ride his horse, as a young boy, along these lands covered in luxuriant vineyards and studded with olive and carob trees, sumacs and downy oaks.

A soil that was so rocky it seemed hostile at times, but extremely fertile. He always recalls his grandfather's words: "Where there is the rock, there is strength", because here the rock generates life. And here vineyards are vigorous, resistant, fertile and give rise to a unique wine. Santo's gaze gets lost in this immense region sloping towards the South, at times steep, at times flat, that runs along Carboj river and its brooks, and along those paths surrounded by spontaneous vegetation, a kingdom of foxes and wild rabbits. And while the last sunbeams fall on the old houses abandoned on the top of Pizzo Giuliana, painting them dazzling orange, he looks ahead, at the grape harvest to come.



the wine

Bertolino Soprano 2017 originates from single-variety Grillo grapes produced in Bertolino Soprano contrada, from which it takes its name, hand-picked in August 2017. The limestone soil gives freshness and elegance to the wine, while the refinement in French oak barrels makes it soft, intense and persistent. Floral, zesty, with a herbaceous finish, it expresses all the character of the land on which it was generated, selected for its unique characteristics.



the concept

rediscovered stories

Two labels telling two authentic stories through vibrant illustrations in bright colours, stories that were rediscovered on our land, enchanting and emotive as a result of their intensity, much like the wine itself, bringing to mind values handed down from one generation to another. The values of the agricultural tradition that embody the soul and the identity of Mandrarossa.



the artist nancy rossit

"Graphic designer and illustrator, Nancy Rossit graduated at the State Art Institute "G.Sello", specializing in fabric. In 1999 she attended a course in multimedia graphic design for advertising at LAB/Vocational Training Centre c/o Solidarity Centre for young people. In 2012 she created a T-Shirt line later created by "Bernardi Meets Art" and she won, among others, the contest Analogic/Digital organized by Ditedi and Fabrica - for the Italian Workshop Design. . Unique and recognizable in style, she favors the mixed technique and creates a lot of collage works, combining the digital and the matter in a perfect harmony.





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