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The territory

Sicily has fascinating corners, magnificent glimpses and jaw-dropping landscapes. There is a unique territory that has beauty and excitement within located on the north-eastern side of the island, this territory is Etna. The volcano, which majestically rises above its vineyards to protect them, with its fertile and mineral soil and unique microclimate, has allowed populations to thrive with viticulture since ancient times. This is the territory that Mandrarossa has decided to explore, going beyond its borders, to produce new wines from native varieties that tell new stories.

The grapes and Etna wines

The new Etna wines by Mandrarossa are produced from native grapes that have a bold character. The Carricante variety results in an energetic, elegant and surprisingly fresh white; while the Nerello Mascalese variety gives us a vigorous, gritty and warm wine. Sentiero delle Gerle (pack basket trail) is their name, tied to the place from which they are produced, in the territory of Linguaglossa, and to an ancient tale of women, the real keepers of the vineyard.



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like a smile. As they went down into to the fields, they would stop to gaze at the beauty of the valley dotted by the red aprons and the pale gold grapes. At the end of September, when the Carricante filled the air with the scent of orange blossom, they would stay to listen to the other women sing during the harvest, and dance during their breaks, making the harvest a celebration.

The mineral white with a scent of orange blossom

From single variety Carricante grapes, Mandrarossa's Etna is a wine with a pleasantly refined aroma, that express hints of yellow fruit and notes of white flowers. With a marked minerality and rich to the palate, has a balanced acidity and an harmonious finish.

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Mascalese was brought in baskets to the carts for pressing, the women would stop at the top of the trail to watch their colleagues at work, shining in their red aprons in the wind. They would watch them with pride, after sharing the experience of having picked those blue bunches, elongated and juicy, with an aroma of spices and Scotch broom and that unique Sicilian character, just like them.

An elegant volcanic red

From single variety Nerello Mascalese grapes, the wine expresses complex aromas of currant, mulberries, prunes, spices and coffee. Full-bodied and balanced to the palate, thanks to the elegant tannins and moderate freshness, contributing to its persistence.



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