

Pietradolce

Italy - Sicily - Solicchiata (CT)





Ownership/Founders Faro Family Start of Activity 2005 Vitiviniculture Traditional Hectares 35 Bottles produced 95.000

CONTRADA SANTO SPIRITO ETNA

100% Nerello Mascalese, from pre-phylloxera vines

Production area: North slope of Etna, Contrada Santo Spirito,

Passopisciaro

Terrain: franco sabbioso con abbondante presenza di scheletro

Harvest: manual in the second decade of October

Vinification: maceration in contact with the skins for 18 days;

soft pressing

Refinement: 14 months in fine-grained, lightly toasted French

oak tonneaux. Natural malolactic fermentation **Color:** rosso rubino denso con sfumature granate

Fragrance: Intense, complex and articulate, aromas of myrtle,

red fruits, wet earth and herbs

Flavor: Full-bodied, energetic and structured, with vibrant

freshness and minerality, and very fine tannins

Alcoholic Grade: 15% vol



Pietradolce is located between Solicchiata and Passopisciaro, on the northern slope of Mount Etna. It was founded and is run by the Faro family and is divided into three different plots. Established and run by the Faro family, the 20 hectares of property are divided into three different parcels: the altitude range that goes from 600 to 900 meters is covered in old vines, mainly Nerello Mascalese, from 50 to 100 years old. A small part of the land is planted with Carricante, from pre-phylloxera vines aged of 120 years, the grapes of which are vinified to make the Archineri Etna Bianco and the Sant'Andrea. The philosophy of Pietradolce is to respect the individual terroirs, vinifying the grapes separately in order to exalt the tiniest nuances. The loamy soil with an abundant presence of mineral elements (a gift from Etna) give at the vines unique characteristics; the true leader is Vigna Barbagalli, made with goblet trained vines, prephylloxera, that are almost 100 years old. A great love for their land: this is the philosophy behind the work of the Faro family, who, after less than twenty years, have established themselves as one of the leading interpreters of this extraordinary land.