

Pietradolce

Italy - Sicily - Solicchiata (CT)



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Ownership/Founders Faro Family

Start of Activity 2005

Vitiviniculture Traditional

Hectares 35

Bottles produced 95.000

SANT'ANDREA TERRE SICILIANE IGT

100% Carricante

Production area: Eastern slope of Etna in the municipality of Milo, 850 meters above sea level

Terrain: franco sabbioso con abbondante presenza di scheletro

Harvest: manual

Vinification: result of parcel selection within the pre-phylloxera Carricante vineyard (120 years old). Vinification in small 20 hl French oak vats by long maceration with the skins

Refinement: After racking and a month of natural stabilization, the wine is bottled. It stays 18 months in the bottle before being released to the market

Color: golden yellow with amber hues

Fragrance: Rich, complex, and articulate, with hints of herbs, tropical yellow fruit, and flint

Flavor: Deep, intense, energetic, fresh and saline, with a dense and concentrated texture and a long mineral persistence

Alcoholic Grade: 13.5% vol



Pietradolce winery is located between Solicchiata and Passopisciaro, on the northern face of Volcano Etna. 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. Great love for the land: this is the philosophy at the base of the Faro family's work, that in just ten years represents one of the great interpreter of this land.