

DONNAFUGATA®

Sul Vulcano 2020



The Etna estate: on the highest active volcano in Europe.

Sul Vulcano 2020 surprises for its elegance that reflects the typical characteristics of Mt. Etna. It has a fragrant bouquet with intense notes of spicy notes and red berries scents. The palate is juicy, with soft tannins and an elegant and enveloping finish.

PRODUCTION ZONE: Eastern Sicily, north side of Etna, between Randazzo and Castiglione di Sicilia.

DENOMINATION: Etna Rosso DOC.

GRAPES: Nerello Mascalese, the main red grape variety native of Etna, and a small percentage of Nerello Cappuccio.

SOILS AND CLIMATE: altitude from 730 to 750 meters a.s.l.; the composition of the sandy texture lavic soil offers a subacid-neutral reaction, with good organic endowment. Deep, rich in minerals, the lavic soil allows strong root growth. This area of the north of the volcano is characterized by precipitations lower than the average of the other slopes of Etna. Summers are cool, characterized by strong temperature changes between day and night.

VINEYARD: etnean Alberello (bush vine) and VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioning) trained with spurred cordon pruning. Density of about 4.500 plants per hectare with yields of 4.5-6.5 tons per hectare.

VINTAGE: on Etna the 2020 vintage was characterized by regular climatic conditions, by a cold winter, a mild spring, and a summer with a good temperature range; the total rainfall recorded was 792 mm, in line with the average of the territory which is 801 mm. Accurate agronomic management favored a harmonious vegetation-production cycle, giving rise to grapes that achieved the right sugar, aromatic and phenolic ripeness. The quantity produced was in line with company expectations; the wines of this year stand out for their great finesse and minerality. **average rainfall recorded in Randazzo since the 2007 harvest; in this territory, the pluviometric data refer to the agricultural year intended from 1 November to 31 October of the following year.*

HARVEST: the grape harvest took place between the second half of September and the first half of October 11st.

VINIFICATION: once the clusters reach the winery they undergo a further selection on a vibrating table, followed by grape selection thanks to a latest generation destemmer, able to discard the green and overripe grapes. Fermentation in stainless steel with maceration on the skins for 8-10 days at a temperature of 25 °C. Aging partly in tanks and partly in French oak (second and third passage barriques) for 12 months and then at least 7 months in bottle before release.

ANALYTICAL DATA: alcohol 13.35 % vol., total acidity 5.4 g/l, pH 3.56.

TASTING NOTES (January 16th, 2023): pale ruby red, Sul Vulcano offers an elegant bouquet with notes of red fruits (raspberries and cherries) along with hints of fresh balsamic mint and delicate spicy nuances of white pepper. The palate is fresh and with a good structure, full of silky tannins and with a balanced and persistent finish.

AGING POTENTIAL: over 5 years.

FOOD & WINE: perfect with Mediterranean antipasti and first courses based on eggplant or mushrooms, meat and roast stew. Pairing options are numerous: from North American cuisine (chicken wings, hamburgers) to moderate spicy Asian dishes (beef stir-fried, dumplings) to fusion cuisine like Tex-Mex based on meat and beans. Serve at 18 °C (64° F).

IMPRESSIONS OF TERRITORY COLLECTION: surprising wines in pure style. **When you desire wonder** and to explore the Sicilian scents and flavors that take you by surprise. Experience the wonders of this region with every sip. Surprise others with an unusual gift.

DIALOGUE WITH ART: a goddess-volcano stands out on the label. Its intense colors, red, yellows, iridescent blacks, are those of the highest active volcanoes in Europe. An ancient, powerful, feminine deity: "the Mountain" as Etna is called by the locals. "Sul Vulcano" is a declaration of love: a pure wine, fragrant and elegant, that lets you breathe the energy of this unique place located in the center of the Mediterranean.

FIRST VINTAGE: 2016.