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# Contrada G 2020 | Passopisciaro



Contrada Guardiola is an ancient district located between 800m and 1000m above sea level, on the edge of a recent flow of 1947 that stopped just before the vineyards. From the ancient vineyards a deep and complex wine is produced with a rich hint of red fruits. Only the grapes selected from the oldest vineyards are used for this cru that we started to produce in 2011.

### Vintage 2020

The summer of 2020 was moderate with rains, and generally by the bad weather; at the end of the month July the heat returned, until the rain of 10<sup>th</sup> of August and finally those of early September.

Later, after the pools of white fermented and all went to the beach with the majestic mountain under the sun, came the rain accompanied by a little hail; A wind from the north blew all night and on the first of October the expected cold fell on the cities and villages.

For nearly a month the sky remained clear and from 14<sup>th</sup> of October all red grapes began to ripen.

The first to reach the winery was Cesanese d’Affile, more sensitive to the temperatures of mid-October.

It was the 24<sup>th</sup> of October when, after several tastings in the vineyard, Petit Verdot was also matured, the grapes brought with the aromas of oriental spices and a mixture of crunchy red fruits, with the achievement of maximum balance in the mouth at the dawn of the 26<sup>th</sup> of October; where we had to call even more harvesters from neighbouring counties to ensure we did not miss the moment.

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Denomination	IGT Terre Siciliane
Area of production	Mount Etna, north side, Sicily
Blend	Nerello Mascalese 100%
Age of vineyard	More than 100 years
Planting density	8000 plants per hectare
Altitude	800M A.S.L
Yield	55 HI/Ha
Harvest-time	29 October
Type of harvest	Hand-selected
Fertilization	Nothing
Treatment	Clay, propolis, grapefruit seed extracts, copper and sulphur
Vinification	Steel vats
Aging	18 months in large oak barrels
Bottling	Waning moon April 2022
Production	4000 bottles

