



COTTANERA



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GAMBERO ROSSO



WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR GAMBERO ROSSO

The story begins with Francesco Cambria, who in 1962, bought 100 hectares of vines and hazelnut groves near his birthplace in Randazzo. Francesco cultivated hazelnuts and also initially sold grapes to the local cooperative, but with the arrival of DOC status for Etna in 1968 and hazelnuts losing market share, he soon decided to focus on

grape growing for bulk wine production, replanting the hazelnut groves to vines. In the late 1980s, Francesco's son Guglielmo decided to build a winery to make his own wine, rather than selling the grapes, and he was quite successful selling it "sfuso" in demijohns to local restaurants. The initial success of these wines pushed Guglielmo to progress to quality wine production, so in the mid-1990s, he improved his father's vineyards and embraced lower yields, and the first Cottanera labeled wines were born.

"This important estate now farms five distinct contrade. Keep your eyes on Cottanera because this is indeed an exciting winery to watch."

- The Wine Advocate

"At roughly 65 hectares, the Cambria family owns one of the bigger estates on Etna. The vineyards are located in 5 different contrade on the northern slope of Etna where most of the volcano's best-known wineries are located. Though the estate was famous for some interesting wines made from international varieties, the focus has shifted and it is the Etna Rosso, Bianco and single contrade wines that are now gathering most of the attention. The soil here is very sandy volcanic ash. - Vinous



COTTANERA BIANCO "BARBAZZALE"

95% Catarratto & 5% Viognier from 15-year-old vines in lava-alluvial soil. No oak.

2020 Review - 91 Points, James Suckling: "Pretty nose with ripe pear, melon and a hint of chalk. Medium-bodied with a silky feel and plenty of minerally acidity pushing the clean fruit forward. Clean, flavorful finish. Catarratto with a dash of viognier."



COTTANERA ETNA BIANCO

100% Carricante from 15-20 year old vines planted in lava-alluvial and lava-clayey soil at 720-750 meters. Fermented and aged on lees for 6 months in stainless steel

2019 Review - 90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine: "Scents of apple blossoms lead into flavors of crisp apple, lime and Asian pear in this bright, saline wine; hints of white pepper emerge on the clean, mineral finish."



COTTANERA ETNA ROSATO (ROSÉ)

100% Nerello Mascalese from Contrada Diciassettesalme & Castiglione di Sicilia 750 meters altitude

2020 review - 90 Points, Vinous: "Incredibly pretty with its bouquet of dusty dried flowers, peaches and white smoke. Its silky textures give way to a almost crunchy display of pit fruits and minerals, yet it's all under an air of mouth-watering, honeyed florals and a lovely salinity that lingers long."



COTTANERA ETNA ROSSO "BARBAZZALE"

90% Nerello Mascalese and 10% Nerello Capuccio - 15 year old vines in lava-alluvial & lava-clay. Stainless steel fermented with frequent pump-overs and 5 months aging. No oak.

2020 Review - 91 Points, James Suckling: "Some nice red-fruit character, but there's a rather simple feel to this. Medium body, lightly firm tannins and a clean finish. Drink now."



COTTANERA ETNA ROSSO "CONTRADA DICIASSETTESALME"

100% Nerello Mascalese from 12-year-old vines planted in lava-alluvial soil. Malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels and aged for 8 months in large oak barrel

2019 Review - 91 Points, The Wine Enthusiast: "Still very young, this Etna red has attractive, bright red-berry, wild-herb and candied-orange aromas. The palate has a level of creaminess that's unusual for this appellation, but behind that is a solid tannin structure that powers the moderately dry, mineral finish. Drink or hold."