



COTTANERA



The story begins with Francesco Cambria, who, in 1962, seeking a retreat from his career in Messina, 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 consumers and 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 wines labeled as Cottanera were born.

"The Cambria family makes some of my favorite Etna wines. The Cottanera transformation of recent years is outstanding, and it has given me great pleasure to witness. In fact, this is perhaps the most transformational southern Italian winery I know of. Under the stewardship of siblings Mariangela and Francesco Cambria, Cottanera has moved to a passionate and intimate comprehension of Etna's indigenous grapes and the singular growing sites on the volcano. This estate is full of energy and a uniquely positive vibe"

"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. - Vinous



WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR GAMBERO ROSSO



COTTANERA 2024 ETNA BIANCO DOC

100% Carricante from 17-22 year old vines planted in lava-alluvial and lava-clayey soil at 720-750 meters elevation.

Fermented and aged on lees for 6 months in stainless steel.

91 Points, The Wine Advocate "The Cottanera 2024 Etna Bianco has a very fragrant bouquet with floral notes, lemon blossom and tropical fruits that give this wine a very playful and accessible character. It does not have the austerity and savory qualities that you sometimes find with this grape. Instead, it adopts those sweeter notes over a straight-shooting, medium-plus mouthfeel, making this wine ready to drink straight out of the gate."

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