



COTTANERA



GAMBERO ROSSO

**WINEMAKER
OF THE YEAR
GAMBERO
ROSSO**

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 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 that comes through especially in an emerging wine region such as this. Keep your eyes on Cottanera because this is indeed an exciting winery to watch."* - **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." - **Ian D'Agata, Vinous**



COTTANERA 2020 ETNA ROSSO RISERVA DOC "CONTRADA ZOTTORINOTO"

100% Nerello Mascalese

from 65+-year-old vines planted in lava-alluvial soil at 750-800 meters.

100% barrel fermented & aged in French oak for 24-months + extended bottle rest.

Only 315 (6pk) cases produced.

Tre Bicchieri – Gambero Rosso

98 Points, Doctor Wine

Vini di Veronelli guide, 94 Points

92 Points, Vinous: "The 2020 Etna Rosso Zottorinoto is tightly wound and coy, with a subtle mix of spiced citrus, ashen stone and blueberry forming its understated and earthy bouquet. It washes across the palate with waves of mineral-infused red and black fruit supported by brisk acidity. Grippy and long, the 2020 finishes structured and tinged with bitter blackberry."