

Winemaker:

Marco Degrazia



Marc DeGrazia Selection

Region:

Sicilia (Randazzo)

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After 25 years of working with the best, most historic and dynamic wineries in Italy to cultivate, develop and market these wines, Marco and Iano have a property of their own. They purchased a very old vineyard on the North side of Mt. Etna at about 600 meters. The soil is of course black volcanic and the vines as old as 80 years. As you can imagine, all aspects of production are done by hand with extreme care. Production includes a bianco and rose, but the true focus is on Sicily's indigenous Nerello Mascalese and includes a base model and three single vineyard selections: Calderara, Guardiola, and Feudi di Mezzo.

Historical Press

Terre Nere Etna Bianco 2007

Wine Advocate

THE WORLD'S GREATEST WINE VALUES - The 2007 Etna Bianco is made from 50% Carricante, 25% Catarratto, 15% Grecanico and 10% Inzolia, all native varieties, and aged in steel. Amazingly, the vines were sixty years old in this vintage. The wine is made in a ripe style, with notes of smoke and earthiness that gradually emerge with time in the glass. Still, it remains reticent, backward and difficult to fully assess. In time it might merit a higher score, but I am not fully convinced of the balance here. (August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosato 2007

90 International Wine Cellars

Very pretty pale pink. Intense aromas of dried wild strawberry, dried herbs and almond are sharpened by a vibrant mineral quality. Fresh and tangy, with noteworthy complexity to its strawberry, marzipan and mineral flavors. A remarkably fine-grained rose with deceptive concentration and harmonious acidity giving it laser-like precision on the long finish. Simply put, one of the best roses made in Italy this year and one that can duke it out with the world's best. (July/August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosato 2006

90 Wine Advocate

Grown on the high-altitude volcanic soils of Mount Etna, Terre Nere's 2006 Etna Rosato is a blend composed predominantly of the indigenous Nerello Mascalese. A light salmon in color, it reveals compelling aromatics and ethereal sweet fruit on a deceptively light to medium-bodied frame, with outstanding length and purity. It offers extraordinary complexity at this level, in fact some readers might feel there is almost too much going on in this wine. It is a terrific effort from one of Italy's most exciting up and coming regions. (February 2008)



Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Calderara" 2005

89 Wine Advocate

The 2005 Calderara Sottana presents a darker color with spicy aromatics and a somewhat brooding personality. Initially very tight, with air the cherry fruit gradually emerges to complete this lovely wine. (February 2008)



Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Calderara" 2003



The Hedonist's Gazette

Robert Parker - ...astonishingly complex and ethereal efforts from the hillsides of Mt. Etna in Sicily. (February 2006)

Terre Nere Etna Rosso 2006

89 Wine Advocate

The 2006 Etna Rosso (mostly Nerello Mascalese) is made from the estate's younger vines. It is a very pretty, mid-weight effort with attractive notes of tobacco, earthiness and black cherries, and an accessible personality. (August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Calderara" 2006

89 International Wine Cellars

Slightly more austere on the nose than the other reds in this line-up, hinting at redcurrant, flowers and tea leaf. High in acidity and lean, but with plenty of persistent, pure flavors of ripe red cherry, herbs and minerals. Finishes with a suggestion of orange peel. About as close to pinot noir as an Italian variety can get. (July/August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudi di Mezzo" 2006

96 International Wine Cellars

Dark red, the deepest colored of the wines in this line-up. Deep but closed nose of outstanding complexity, suggesting intense, ripe red cherry, black pepper, thyme, minerals, lavender and smoke. Seamless and compelling on the palate, with amazing purity to its red cherry, tobacco, cedar and mineral flavors. Finishes with outstanding palate-staining length. This has to be one of the ten best wines of the year in Italy. and will probably live longer than you or I. (July/August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudi di Mezzo" 2005

92 Wine Advocate

The 2005 Feudo di Mezzo is the most structured of these wines. It sweeps across the palate with layers of sweet, perfumed fruit, showing terrific depth and density supported by finessed tannins. This a gorgeous expression of Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Capuccio from the slopes of the Etna. (February 2008)



Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Guardiola" 2006



92 International Wine Cellars

Medium ruby. Soft, sweet aromas of smoky red cherry, sexy vanilla and cream soda. Lovely juicy entry, with flavors of blueberry jam, red cherry and minerals nicely framed by fine acids and soft tannins. Finishes long and spicy, with a lovely impression of sweetness and depth. From 60-to-90-year-old vines in a north-facing vineyard 3,000 feet above sea level. (July/August 2008)

Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Guardiola" 2005

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The estate's 2005 Guardiola reveals firm, yet silky tannins and gorgeous purity in its earthiness, tar, black cherries and toasted oak, with outstanding length and terrific overall balance even if there doesn't seem to be quite enough fruit to stand up to the oak. This beautiful, classy wine comes across as delicate yet deeply-flavored at the same time. (February 2008)



Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Guardiola" 2003



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Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Prephilloxera" 2006

95 *International Wine Cellars*

Bright medium ruby-red, less dark than the Feudo di Mezzo. Wonderfully scented nose of red cherry, rose petal and minerals, with a tantalizing note of creamy cherry cola and a strong mineral quality; more mineral-driven and less oaky on the nose than the Feudo di Mezzo. The palate offers almost Burgundian red fruit flavors, with a juicy, sappy character and a nutty quality building on the back end and lingering impressively. A simply fantastic wine and one I struggled long and hard to score: it's as good as, though quite different from, the Feudo di Mezzo, and both rank among Italy's top wines of the