

THE SOURCE FEDERICO GRAZIANI SICILY



2022 ROSSO DI MEZZO

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Voted Italy's "Best Sommelier" in 1998 at age 23, author of numerous Italian wine books, and protege of Etna's oracle and renaissance man, Salvo Foti, Federico Graziani's wines hit the same high marks of the world's greats. Located on the north face of Etna, Fede's Nerello Mascalese-dominant Etna Rossos are harvested from a mix of new and ancient plantations (with some pre-phyllloxera, own-rooted plants) in Passopisciaro and Montelaguardia. His field blend white, Mareneve, is grown at a frosty 1200m altitude and stands alone as a singular expression on Etna.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Rosso di Mezzo is harvested from a 35-year-old (2024) single vineyard in Passopisciaro composed of 80% Nerello Mascalese and 20% Nerello Cappuccio on a north-facing gentle slope at 600m on volcanic bedrock with medium-deep sandy and rocky topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

100% destemmed and naturally fermented up to 32°C max. for 10-12 days with few and short pumpovers (depending on the vintage) and aged 20 months in steel (and a small quantity in old barrels) before a light filtration at bottling.

