

2018 Calabretta Carricante Bianco

Sicily, Italy



OVERVIEW

Established: 1900 (wine sold in sfuso or barrel)

First Vintage: 1997 bottle

Proprietor: Massimiliano Calabretta

Calabretta's wines are a gift for lovers of traditionally made Italian reds. The estate continues to make its majestic Etna wines as in the past, releasing them after extended aging in botti.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Soils: Black Volcanic, stony soil

Vines: mostly 70- to 80-year-old indigenous varieties—particularly Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio—many ungrafted

Elevation: 750 m

Orientation: Southern

Appellation: Terre Siciliane IGT

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Varietals: Carricante

Varietal Notes: 95% Carricante, 5% Cataratto & Insolia

Viticulture: Hand harvested. 1/3 of the fruit for this wine comes from old vines averaging 60-80 years old – some vines even over 100 years old. 2/3 of the fruit comes from a young vineyard planted in 2004.

Vinification: Soft pressing after destemming. Fermented in steel.

Aging: Aged in stainless steel

Organic Farming Practices