

## 2015 Vigna Barbagalli

Pietradolce, Sicily, Italy

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2015	<b>Drinking:</b>	
<b>Producer:</b>	Pietradolce	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Sicily	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	Italy		

### Tasting notes

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A unique wine from pre-phylloxera, 100 year old Nerello Mascalese, whose yields are minute and produce less than half a bottle of wine per vine. The result is an extraordinary achievement. Powerful, concentrated morello cherry combines with violet, raspberry coulis and impressive herbal and spicy scents. There are full, mouthcoating tannins and incredible, wild florals alongside a crunchy acidity. The pot-pourri, balsam, minerals and fine texture are reminiscent of good Nebbiolo but with a soft, approachable elegance. This is a wine lover's wine which should age gracefully and provide much enjoyment in the mid-long term. "This wine is soaring in character and quality and is fast on its route to becoming one of the icons of vino Italiano" according to Monica Larner (The Wine Advocate).

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### About the producer

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## PIETRADOLCE WINES

Established in 2005, the Pietradolce winery is divided into 3 sections, where their main grapes are cultivated. Two of their sections are in the territory of Rampante, while the third lies in Zottorinoto.

The soil at Pietradolce is characterised by stony, light, sandy loam and mineral deposits that are in abundance thanks to the local volcano. The Pietradolce winery credits the volcano for giving their wines the special characteristics that make them so unique.

With a desire to stay true to their terroir, Pietradolce only cultivates grape varieties that are native to Mount Etna. They cultivate 3 main grape varieties. Nerello Mascalese is a late harvesting grape creating light coloured wines that display a red fruit character and gentle tannins - allowing the wines to be approachable at a young age, but also suitable for ageing. Nerello Cappuccio typically has a black fruit character that tends to be softer and less precise than its Mascalese counterpart. There are those who say Cappuccio is to Mascalese, what Merlot is to Cabernet. Finally, the winery also grows Carricante, a white grape variety that makes up the excellent Etna Bianco and is occasionally used to soften red varieties like Nerello Mascalese. Etna Rosse, Etna Bianco and Etna Rosato make up this winery's core collection.

The wines of Etna are Pietradolce's passion and it is a combination of respect for their tradition and modern viticulture techniques that enable them to make truly spectacular wines that express the unique terroir of Mount Etna.

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Etna Bianco, Etna Rosso wine and all their counterparts.