

## 2016 Contrada Rampante Etna Rosso

Pietradolce, Sicily, Italy

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2016	<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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This stunning Nerello Mascalese is alive with energy, embodying orange peel freshness and bright ripe cherry and cranberry fruit. Beautifully nuanced with a richly velveteen texture, the delicate undercurrent of tarry minerals and wild herbal ungrowth provide a fascinating appeal that leads through to the final flourishes on its long finish. A triumphant wine.

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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.

Explore our full selection of Pietradolce wines online today. Discover more about Etna Bianco, Etna Rosso wine and all their counterparts.

