

2016 Sant'Andrea Etna Bianco

Pietradolce, Sicily, Italy

Product details

Vintage:	2016	Drinking:	Now 2024
Producer:	Pietradolce	Alcohol:	
Region:	Sicily	Variety:	
Country:	Italy		

Tasting notes

A pure expression of Carricante from pre-Phylloxera vines (with a precious 1,800 bottles made), the 2016 Sant'Andrea displays the depth and structural firmness this Sicilian grape is capable of producing when given time to evolve in the bottle (over 18 months, in this case). Extended skin maceration (with up to ten months of skin contact) adds to the incredible intensity and generous volume of the wine. It opens to an off-gold color and a robust texture that underscores the snappy crunchiness of the grape skins and the fullness of its vinous texture. This grape is not naturally associated with thickness or power, but both are elegantly achieved here. This is a beautifully assembled and contemplated wine that seeks to raise the bar for Etna's versatile Carricante.

94+ points, Monica Lerner, the Wine Advocate

About the producer

One of the rising stars in our portfolio, since its founding in 2005 Pietradolce has come to own one of the largest collections of pre-phyllloxera vines on the active volcano Mt Etna – which are up to 120 years old. This ancient mountain commands the winery's devotion and respect, the energy and nuance of the volcanic soils producing truly phenomenal wines. Owner Michele Faro and winemaker Giuseppe Parlavecchio focus exclusively on local varieties Nerello Mascalese and Carricante, producing a range of pure, terroir-driven wines roughly structured as Village, Premier Cru, and Grand Cru. While they do offer an elegance and depth reminiscent of great Burgundy, they offer incredible value compared to the Cote d'Or.

