



TENUTA  
DELLE  
TERRE NERE

## Etna Bianco

Sicily



**Appellation:** ETNA BIANCO DOC

**Zone:** Randazzo and Castiglione di Sicilia (Catania)

**Cru:** n/a

**Vineyard extension (hectares):** produced from all the vineyards of the estate

**Blend:** 60% Carricante - 25% catarratto - 10% grecanico - 5% Minnella

**Vineyard age (year of planting):** Carricante 2012,2002 - catarratto 2012,2002 - grecanico 2012,2002 - Minnella 2012,2002

**Soil Type:** Volcanic

**Exposure:** The vineyards are located on the northern slopes of the Etna volcano

**Altitude:** 600-900 meters above sea level

**Colour:** Intense straw yellow

**Nose:** definitely floral, reminiscent of white and linden flowers

**Flavour:** Fresh and flavourful, with an evident mineral note

**Serving temperature (°C):** 8-10

**Match with:** hors d'oeuvres, pasta and rice dishes with fish, fish dishes

**Average no. bottles/year:** 50,000

**Alcohol %:** n/a

**Grape yield per hectare tons:** 6-7

**Notes:** First released vintage: 2005. Vine training system: en goble and modified en goblet. Harvest during the first ten days of October.

**Vinification and ageing:** White vinification with soft pressing of the clusters, static cold decanting of the must. Fermentation in steel with temperature control (13-15 degrees Celsius). The wine is bottled when ready.

**Awards:** n/a

### *Estate History*

The estate is located on the northern slopes of the volcano, with vineyards between the village of Solicchiata and the town of Randazzo, the area historically recognized as the finest in the appellation for fine red wines. The property consists of 36 hectares, divided into 15 parcels in five crus, with a total vineyard surface of 30 hectares. Except for 6 hectares recently planted, the vines of the rest are between 50 and 100 years old. The vines of one parcel, having survived phylloxera, have reached the venerable age of 130-140 years old. The soils differ very much from cru to cru, and even within the crus themselves. The same is true of the altitudes, our vineyards ranging between 600 and 1,000 metres above sea level. Four parcels lie in Calderara Sottana at an elevation of 600-700 metres. By far the rockiest cru in the appellation, in the roughest parts you can't see the soil for the black volcanic pumice carpeting the vineyards. Two vineyards lie in Guardiola, between 800 and 900 metres altitude, on very poor soil: volcanic sand mixed with basaltic pebbles and traces of ash. Two more properties lie in Feudo di Mezzo. Very old vines, also terraced, traditional alberello plantings, very tightly spaced, also worked exclusively by hand. Loose deep volcanic ash roughed up by a good measure of small volcanic pebbles. Two vineyards lie in Santo Spirito. A new property has recently been bought in Contrada San Lorenzo. Besides estate owned vineyards, Terre Nere has long term leases on 4 hectares and buys grapes from small local vigneroni who follow organic procedures. All the wines are produced from local varieties, and all are D.O.C. Etna. Three versions of Etna Bianco are produced. .



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