
CENTOPASSI CATARRATTO 'TERRE ROSSE DI GIABBASCIO'



Region: Sicily, Italy

Appellation: Sicilia DOC

Vineyard Site: Giabbascio

Grapes: Catarratto

Farming: Certified organic

Age of Vines: Planted in 1989

Altitude, Aspect & Soil Type: 350 M, SW Facing, Clay/Sand/Silt with a sub-alkaline PH

Typical Harvest Time: Mid September

Maceration & Fermentation: controlled low temperature fermentation in stainless steel using neutral selected yeasts

Aging: Aged in stainless steel, on the lees, for nine months

Finishing: Gentle filtration

Production: 10,000 bottles annually

Notes from Oliver:

'I Cento Passi,' the Hundred Steps, is an anti-Mafia film made in 2000, and Centopassi wines are grown in vineyards confiscated from convicted Mafiosi, some of them notorious (such as Salvatore 'Toto' Riina). In other words the mere existence of this estate is a renunciation of the Mafia, and of the terrible effect that the Mafia has had on the people of Sicily for generations. We are proud to support Centopassi and Libera Terra, the organization behind it.

Centopassi's grapes come from various vineyards in the high Belice Corleonese Plateau, near the town of Corleone, south of Palermo. Named for the red, iron-rich soil of the vineyard site. Pale straw color with a greenish glints. A lovely fresh inviting aroma, citrus (mandarin orange), herbs, wet stones, very expressive. An outstanding drinking now with seafood or roast chicken.