



# SIGNUM ÆTNÆ

ETNA ROSSO RISERVA 2015

*Denominazione Di Origine Controllata*

## PRE-PHYLLOXERA WINE AND SYMBOL OF THE ETNA VOLCANO

*Today, the Mount Etna volcanic region is universally recognized as the Sicilian viticultural territory of excellence. A soil rich in lava and reaching to high altitudes, this volcanic terroir is characterized by an extraordinary wealth of minerals and biodiversity. Since ancient times, vineyards arranged in terraces interlaced with lava flows have graced its slopes, favored by unique conditions imparting a particular longevity to the vines. Here can be found rare archetypes of ancient vines, including the Ultracentenarian grapevines which have survived even the phylloxera.*

*On the Cavanera Etnea estate, Firriato proudly guards and protects the historical, anthropological and cultural heritage of one such small pre-phylloxera vineyard.*

*The dendrochronological analysis of wood from vines carried out by the University of Palermo has estimated the age of the vineyard to be approximately 140 years, while the National Research Council has defined its genetic profiles.*

*Noble sculptures of nature forged by time, these vines are nurtured by Firriato, which is committed to perpetuating the vine genome by employing the offshoot technique, to guarantee the genetic continuity of the vineyard.*

*From these exemplars of Nerello Mascalese, along with other sporadic relic varieties, originates the Signum Riserva Ætnæ DOC Riserva, a wine of exceptional stature, complexity and elegance, aged for 3 years in Tonneaux barrels made of fine-grained long seasoned wood from the most significant forests and then the aging continues for at least 36 months in the bottle.*

*The 2015 vintage has 2436 "specimens" destined to enrich the most prestigious cellars.*

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At the request of Firriato S.s.a. , the Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences of the University of Palermo performed the sampling (wood carrots) of old vine plants for the purposes of dating the vineyard of Contrada Verzella, in the Municipality of Castiglione di Sicilia (CT)(Sicily), parcel n. 287 of the estate register.

## RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The age of the vines is established to be approximately 140 years old, based upon the dendrochronological and stereoscopic analysis of wood rings.

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