



SIGNUM ÆTNÆ

ETNA ROSSO RISERVA 2014

Denominazione Di Origine Controllata

PRE-PHILLOXERA 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.

Signum Aetnae DOC Riserva comes from these Nerello Mascalese vines, together with other rare ancient varieties. This is a wine of grand stature, complexity and elegance, refined for two years in fine-grain, long-seasoned Tonneaux coming from the most important French forests and subsequently aged for an additional 18 months in the bottle.

The 2014 vintage resulted in the production of 3,500 precious bottles, all of which are destined to enrich the most prestigious wine retailers.

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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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