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2013 Passopisciario Passorosso

The 2013 Passorosso is a pure expression of Nerello Mascalese from one of Etna's most prolific and visionary producers. This wine was named Passopisciario in the past, but its name has since been changed to Passorosso to avoid confusion with the geographic location Passopisciario. The wine shows a light and luminous ruby color and it offers a tonic and bright quality of primary fruit. It is aged in large oak casks for 18 months and the oak imprint is minimal. The finish is flinty and dry. Some 38,000 bottles were produced.

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2013 Passopisciario Franchetti

This wine is usually a blend of Petit Verdot and Cesanese d'Affile (a red grape from Central Italy). But the 2013 Franchetti is declared as 100% Petit Verdot. In fact, Franchetti was made as a mono-varietal expression only in 2006, 2010 and now with this 2013 vintage. The bouquet here is beautiful and generous with thick layers of black fruit and spice that peel back very slowly. The wine sports an inky black and impenetrable appearance with a thick, chewy consistency. The quality of fruit is slightly jammy but those drying volcanic and mineral tones bring the wine back to center and balance. Only 3,000 bottles were made.

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2013 Passopisciario Contrada S

From the Sciaranuova vineyard, the 2013 Contrada S is light in appearance and a bit edgy or sharp in terms of its aromatic delivery. The bouquet reveals brambly aromas of wild berry, cherry cola and rosemary sprig. The fruit intensity is downplayed and the wine's mineral definition is underlined as a result. It leaves the strongest imprint. The finish is dry and very streamlined. Like all these other single-vineyard expressions, the wine ages in large oak casks.

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2013 Passopisciario Contrada R

The 2013 Contrada R (with fruit from the Contrada Rampante) is a pure expression of Nerello Mascalese that ages in large oak barrels for 18 months. Compared to the other single-vineyard expressions from Passopisciario, this wine is a bit simpler and more streamlined overall. It offers aromatic tones that are characteristic of volcanic soils with ash, dried fruit and crème de cassis. But the wine is a bit shorter and not as impactful as the others. The finish is dry and dusty.

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2013 Passopisciaro Contrada G

The G stands for Guardiola, one of Etna's most prized and coveted vineyard sites. Passopisciaro's 2013 Contrada G shows some age in terms of its appearance. The wine opens to a dark garnet color with shadings of brown and copper at the rim. On the nose, this red wine from Etna delivers ripe fruit tones with dried cherry and plum. The tannins are dry and delineated. Only 2,700 bottles were produced.

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2013 Passopisciaro Contrada C

The 2013 Contrada C sees fruit sourced from the Chiappemacine single vineyard. This is a deep and sophisticated red wine from Etna that opens to a light garnet color. The bouquet is redolent of volcanic aromas of ash and dusty soil. Indeed, the primary fruit is tucked in at the back and appears with moderate intensity. This wine feels very silky and lean in texture but the finish is impressive in terms of length. It is aged in large oak casks for 18 months. Only 2,700 bottles were released.

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2013 Passopisciaro Contrada P

The 2013 Contrada P is a red wine from Etna that promises long-term drinking appeal. The P stands for Porcaria and this vineyard consistently gives Andrea Franchetti some of his best results. This expression shows heightened fruit intensity with articulate aromas of wild berry and black currant, followed by balsam herb and grilled rosemary. As you should expect, those volcanic tones of ash and crushed stone also play a big role in forming the aromatic complexity of this wine. Some 2,300 bottles were made.

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