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**2014 Passopisciaro
Contrada R**

With only 3,000 bottles made, the 2014 Contrada R offers characteristic tones of dried berry fruit, road paving, crushed mineral and grilled herb. Fruit is sourced from the Contrada Rampante and the wine is later aged in large oak casks for 18 months. The wine presents a smooth and silky mouthfeel with long and polished tannins.

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**2014 Passopisciaro Etna
Rosso Passorosso**

The 2014 Etna Rosso Passorosso (100% Nerello Mascalese) stands out for the brightness and gorgeous intensity of its ruby color and healthy appearance. The wine is integrated but also mellow from an aromatic point of view with subdued tones of wild cherry and dried currant. With time in the glass, that intensity grows at a quick pace. Ultimately, this wine provides a very integrated and balanced taste of the mighty Sicilian volcano. For the first time, this wine has moved from the Terre Siciliane IGT appellation to become an Etna Rosso DOC.

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**2014 Passopisciaro
Contrada S**

The 2014 Contrada S (with fruit from the Sciaranuova vineyard) offers a bright ruby color and deep color saturation that is characteristic of this exuberant vintage. Perhaps the intensity of the bouquet is a notch or two lower compared to some of the other wines in this series. But those aromas do build in momentum as the wine opens in the glass. You get dried fruit, plum, crushed mineral and exotic spice.

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**2014 Passopisciaro
Contrada C**

With 4,000 bottles produced, the 2014 Contrada C (from the Contrada Chiappemacine) delivers loads of ripe and succulent fruit at the front. The bouquet presents cherry, blackberry and ripe plum. This red wine shows medium weight and a long persistence that is fueled both by the wine's acidity and its firm, delineated tannins. You'll recognize those volcanic tones of ash and yellow sulfur stone at the very tail end of the long finish.

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**2014 Passopisciaro
Contrada P**

From the Contrada Porcaria, the 2014 Contrada P offers a steady and generous supply of dark fruit aromas. This is a dark and well saturated expression of Nerello Mascalese. This Sicilian grape usually offers a lighter and leaner appearance, but the 2014 vintage really does stand out for its deep color saturation. Like the other single-vineyard expressions from Andrea Franchetti, the wine ages in large oak casks for 18 months. The finish is smooth and perhaps more robust compared to the other wines in this series.

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**2014 Passopisciaro
Contrada G**

The 2014 Contrada G (100% Nerello Mascalese from the Guardiola vineyard) is a beautiful wine that offers a deep inner sense of volcanic winemaking. The wine's aromas are so distinct with crushed granite, flint and campfire ash. There are subtle fruit tones that recall dried cherry and pressed blackberry. Smoke, tar and spice make up the fiery and lively personality that this wine displays so generously.

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2014 Passopisciaro Passobianco

This wine went by the name Guardiola until the 2013 vintage but has since changed names. The 2014 Passobianco is a pure expression of Chardonnay that ages in large oak casks for four months and is later moved to cement vats for an additional eight months. This wine opens to a pretty, luminous appearance and it shows impressive aromatic intensity with whiffs of stone fruit, pear, toasted almond and volcanic sulfur smoke. This white should evolve nicely over the next five years or more.

95+

2014 Passopisciaro Franchetti

This is a spectacular wine that represents a unique blend of 70% Petit Verdot and 30% Cesanese d'Affile. Andrea Franchetti's namesake 2014 Franchetti is a darkly saturated and generously exuberant wine. The wine's appearance is marked by an inky dark, almost impenetrable appearance. The bouquet is overtly opulent and rich with bold fruit tones followed by spice, leather and crushed granite stone. This is a very special wine that is full of personality and generosity. Only 3,000 bottles were produced.