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Sicily / Red & Rosé

93 Passopisciaro Terre Siciliane Contrada G 2014 \$70 A pure note of crushed raspberry is accented by aromatic notes of herbes de Provence, ground pink peppercorn and cardamom spice in this medium- to full-bodied red, which is finely knit, bright and expressive, with dense tannins holding sway on the mineral-laced finish. Nerello Mascalese. Best from 2018 through 2026. 333 cases made.—A.N.

92 Passopisciaro Terre Siciliane Contrada P 2014 \$75 Hints of tar and cured tobacco make a savory entry to this dense and chewy red, with flavors of baked raspberry and currant, dried thyme and sweet smoke. Medium-bodied and muscular, this is well-balanced, offering a lasting, mineraly finish. Nerello Mascalese. Best from 2019 through 2024. 200 cases made.—A.N.

92 Passopisciaro Terre Siciliane Contrada S 2014 \$66 There's density and a sense of finesse to this balanced red. Chewy and tightly knit today, this needs air for the aromas of incense and potpourri and flavors of baked cherry and raspberry fruit to shine through. Long and savory on the mineraly finish. Nerello Mascalese. Best from 2018 through 2024. 175 cases made.—A.N.

91 Passopisciaro Terre Siciliane Contrada R 2014 \$60 This elegant red layers bright acidity and supple tannins with a creamy mix of wild strawberry, mandarin orange zest and red licorice. A subtle note of smoky mineral expands on the finish. Nerello Mascalese. Drink now through 2024. 250 cases made.—A.N.

91 Passopisciaro Terre Siciliane Franchetti 2014 \$149 Grippy tannins frame ripe and juicy blackberry and currant fruit in this lively red, with accents of sage, zesty spice and tarry mineral. Dense and chewy on the finish. Petit Verdot and Cesanese d'Affile. Best from 2019 through 2014. 250 cases made.—A.N.

90 Baglio del Cristo di Campobello Nero d'Avola Sicilia Lu Patri 2012 \$50 This elegant red is fresh and finely balanced, offering hints of leather and loamy earth that lend a savory edge to the flavors of ripe black currant, mocha and spice. Creamy tannins firm the tar-tinged finish. Drink now through 2022. 300 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Cuppari Faro San Placido 2012 \$28 This medium-bodied red is well-knit and fresh, with light, sculpted tannins and aromatic accents of leather and oak spice framing the pureed black cherry, citrus and tar-tinged smoke flavors. Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio with Nocera, Nero d'Avola and Sangiovese. Best from 2018 through 2022. 708 cases made.—A.N.

90 Passopisciaro Etna Passorosso 2014 \$38 Mouthwatering and medium-bodied, with expressive plum, pomegranate, spice box and dried marjoram flavors. There's grip here; but the tannins are plush and well-knit. A subtle streak of smoke lingers on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 3,066 cases made.—A.N.