



Calabretta Winery, located on Sicily's Mount Etna, has been producing wine for over a century, upholding the region's ancient winemaking traditions and focusing on natural, sustainable production. Farming primarily 70-80 year old ungrafted vines, winemaker Massimiliano Calabretta preserves family traditions and Etna's native varieties, making the winery one of the most esteemed estates in Sicily. Emphasizing sustainability, the winery avoids chemical pesticides and herbicides, utilizes hand harvesting, wild yeasts, and uses Select Bio corks, the world's first zero-carbon-footprint wine closure. The 2021 Elisir Rosso unveils an elegant, fruit-forward profile balanced by soft tannins and a hint of earthy minerality.

Region & Classification

|country| Italy
|region| Sicilia
|sub-region| Etna
|vineyard| Solicchiata
|cru| Contrada Centari
|classification| Vino Rosso

Wine Data

|varietal| nerello mascalese 98%, nerello capuccio 2%
|alcohol| 14.5%
|acidity| 5.3 g/L

Terroir & Cultivation

|soil| volcanic
|exposure| south—southwest
|elevation| 730m
|farming practices| traditional Sicilian wine-making; Practicing organic and biodynamic farming; Albarello vine training
|harvesting| harvested by hand in October
|age of vines| 100 years
|vineyard size| 0.4 hectares

Vinification & Aging

|maceration| 5 days in stainless steel
|fermentation| spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts
|aging| 12 months in old barrique with an additional 6 months in the bottle prior to release
|production| 1,300 bottles

