Banville
Wine Merchants

Passopisciaro

Contrada R Nerello Mascalese Terre Siciliane IGT

Contrada Rampante is the highest contrada which rises above 1,000 meters/3,280 feet ASL. This vineyard reaches the limit of vine cultivation on Etna, where the plants have to struggle to survive. The soil is made of very old, sandy, and oxidized lava. The vines reach 120 years of age. Thanks to the high altitude, this is always the last vineyard to be harvested. Rampante is balsamic, refined, and infinite in its aromatic expressions.

Vinification: Alcohol fermentation took place in stainless-steel vats. The wine was aged for 18 months in large Slavonian oak barrels.

Grape varieties : 100% Nerello Mascalese

Altitude : 1000m ASL

Vineyard age : 120-year-old vines

Soil : Very old, sandy and oxidized lava

Alcohol : 14.5%

Tasting notes :
Paler in color, yet full of nuance, this wine offers a shifting mix of dried rose petals, floral notes, cedar, and dried lemon. Botanical and perfumed accents mingle with a distinct pumice-like mineral character. Medium-bodied and refined, it glides across the palate with exceptionally polished, silk-like tannins.

Press Notes

Jeb Dunnuck

2023	95 points

Decanter

2022	96 points

James Suckling

2023	96 points
2022	97 points

AG Vinous

2023	94+ points
2022	94-96 points