

Passopisciaro

Franchetti Terre Siciliane IGT



Franchetti is a wine but also a footprint. The personal footprint of Andrea Franchetti on Etna. It is not a coincidence that this wine carries his name. It is black and concentrated. In this wine the spices and full body of the Petit Verdot meets the aromatics and delicacy of Cesanese d'Affile. The vineyards are located in Contrada Guardiola and present high-density planting. (12,300 vines per hectare / 4,876 vines per acre) at 850 meters/2,788 feet on 15,000-year-old pyroclastic lava soil. The blend of the two varieties changes with every vintage; thus, to better interpret the characterizing traits of the year.

Vinification: After a traditional alcohol fermentation in stainless-steel vats, the wine was aged in French barriques for 6 months and in large Slavonian oak barrels for another 12 months.

Grape varieties : 60% Petit Verdot, 40% Cesanese d'Affile

Altitude : 800m ASL

Vineyard age : 25-year-old vines

Soil : 15,000 years old pyroclastic lava soil

Tasting notes :

Franchetti has the presence of a dark thoroughbred—powerful, sleek and tightly wound. It unfolds gradually in the glass, starting restrained before revealing dusty dried florals, plum, brown spice, cardamom, savory herbs and a hint of cocoa. The palate is rich and velvety, almost weighty, yet energized by brisk acidity and tart fruit that keeps it in balance, finishing with a gentle grip of polished tannins, dark floral tones, and lingering black currant.

Press Notes

Jeb Dunnuck

2023

94 points

Decanter

2022

97 points

Robert Parker Wine Advocate

2022

94 points

Wine Spectator

2023

93 points

James Suckling

2023

95 points

2022

94 points

