



## Il Musmeci Etna Rosso DOC 2008

### WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine is dedicated to the Musmeci family, in particular, Mr. Musmeci, who for so many years looked after these estate vineyards ("I vigne di Fessina") with so much love that today the winery is able to cultivate 80-year-old vines. This cru-level wine is made from a blend of Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio from the oldest vines of the estate grown on the highest hills. The resulting wine is unparalleled in richness, concentration, and depth.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby-red in color, exuberant notes of smoky minerality and red fruits complement undertones of spices, black cherry, and violets. On the palate, it is rich and textural, with well-integrated tannins and a long, evolving finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Pair this wine with veal dishes, tomato sauces, veal parmigiana, and quiche Lorraine.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Etna DOC
Vineyard name:	The Contrada Rovittello vineyard
Vineyard size:	15
Soil composition:	Sand and volcanic ash
Training method:	Bush
Elevation:	2,211 feet
Vines/acre:	3,200
Yield/acre:	2.8 tons
Exposure:	Northeastern
Year vineyard planted:	1920
Harvest time:	October
First vintage of this wine:	2007
Bottles produced of this wine:	16,000

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	95% Nerello Mascalese and 5% Nerello Cappuccio
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	10-12 days
Fermentation temperature:	81-86 °F
Length of maceration:	4-6 days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Size of aging container:	500 L and 35 HL
Age of aging container:	Tonneaux: 1-3 years; Casks: 1-15 year
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	15 months
Length of bottle aging:	12 months

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14
pH level:	3.4
Residual sugar:	< 3.0
Acidity:	6
Dry extract:	23.5

### PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Silvia Maestrelli  
Winemaker: Gian Domenico Negro  
Total acreage under vine: 38  
Estate founded: 2007  
Winery production: 16,000 Bottles  
Region: Sicilia  
Country: Italy

