

Passopisciario Guardiola 2012

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Guardiola roughly translates to 'gatehouse'? Vineyard is from 800 to 1000 metres above sea level with the Chardonnay vines being 10 years old. Importer: Mondo Imports

Peach and a fair level of fruitiness along with almonds, aniseed, a slight oxidative note and a wisp of smokiness. Palate is clear and minerally, fluid and delicious – power here but it 'moves like water' – just so clean and glossy and vibrant. A paradox – ripe and full of sunshine, yet cool and refined. Love it. I'd guess that it will look even better with a little more bottle age.

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Rated : 93 Points

Tasted : May14

Alcohol : 12.5%

Price : \$60

Closure : Cork

Drink : 2014 - 2018+

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Passopisciario Etna Rosso 2011

Posted on 05 May 2014.

The old cliché is that Etna rosso is much like Burgundy, which is true, though it's still so much less expensive. Make hay before it erupts. Importer: Mondo Imports

The flavours – cherry, almonds, mineral: the feel – chewy but fresh and very well defined. Has a succulence and an almost jube character to the fruit (raspberry and strawberry), but it's dry and firmly structured which trims it back into shape superbly. Volcanic rocks and all that stuff too. Gripping length – carries on and on and with great authority. I placed an order within minutes of tasting.

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Rated : 95 Points

Tasted : May14

Alcohol : 14%

Price : \$60

Closure : Cork

Drink : 2016 - 2032

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