

PASSOPISCIARO 'Chiappemacine' 2015

Another sensational wine from Passopisciaro in this vintage, the 'Chiappemacine' is a simply gorgeous. Elegant and refined, this vivid Nerello Mascalese opens to bright aromas of red berries and floral along with nuances of spices and licorice all taking shape in the glass. Balanced, precise and beautifully structured, this continues to impress with its lovely overall finesse and inner-sweet red fruits which are underlined by bright acidity. Its beauty is already quite apparent, however I only expect it to continue to evolve and become even more appealing over time. (Best 2019-2029) - July, 2017 (JD)

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PASSOPISCIARO 'Rampante' 2015

This gorgeous Nerello Mascalese comes from Rampante, which is over 100 years in age and situated 3,300 feet above sea level, on the foothills of Mt. Etna. Elegant and refined with lovely purity this releases striking aromas of strawberries, raspberries, rose petals, spices, orange zest and wet stones which are underlined by hints of saline minerals. Beautifully balanced, silky and precise as the lovely acidity keeps this fresh and vibrant through the finish. The Nerello Mascalese spent 18 months aging in large, neutral oak barrels. This is an absolutely wonderful showing from Andrea Franchetti in this vintage and should continue to evolve beautifully. (Best 2019-2030) - July, 2017 (JD)

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PASSOPISCIARO 'Passorosso' 2015

The 2015 Passorosso is a lovely 100% Nerello Mascalese from Andrea Franchetti, which displays a light translucent color, followed by lively aromatics of fresh strawberries, wild herbs, exotic spices, orange zest and crushed stones all taking shape in this elegant, refined Rosso. Silky, well-defined and focused, this Rosso is beautifully balanced by bright red fruits and vibrant acidity, keeping it fresh and inviting. It shows a lovely inner-sweetness along with a zesty quality which continues on through the juicy finish. (Best 2017-2024) - July, 2017 (JD)

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PASSOPISCIARO 'Guardiola' 2015

The 2015 Guardiola is a simply gorgeous wine, which is all about elegance and finesse. Guardiola dates back 100-years in age, and situated 3,300 feet above sea level. Beautifully refined this Nerello Mascalese releases inviting aromas of strawberries, raspberries, rose petals, spices, pepper, wild herbs and wet stones which all come together in the glass. Medium-bodied and silky the palate is kept vibrant with a lovely core of acidity, which carries over onto the finish and is framed by red fruits and peppery spices. Another outstanding wine from Andrea Franchetti in this vintage. (Best 2019-2028) - July, 2017 (JD)

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PASSOPISCIARO 'Sciaranuova' 2015

Situated 2,800 feet above sea level, the Contrada di Sciaranuova dates back 90 years. In 2015 Andrea Franchetti crafted a simply stunning Nerello Mascalese from this high elevation vineyard. Lovely aromas of sweet red fruits, spices, floral and saline minerals, all take shape as this unwinds in the glass. This elegant red displays remarkable balance and focus with striking balance and finesse. A vibrant core of acidity beautifully highlights the red fruit and spice notes as this seamlessly makes its way into the long, silky finish. Overall, a simply gorgeous wine, which is beautiful now, yet shows the potential to age for years to come. (Best 2019-2030) - July, 2017 (JD)

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PASSOPISCIARO 'Porcaria' 2015

Contrada Porcaria is a 90-year-old vineyard which sits at 2,100 feet above sea level with soils consisting of frail sheets of lava. As this elegant Nerello Mascalese begins to open it releases pretty aromatics of sweet red berries, floral, mediterranean herbs, and stony minerals, which slowly take shape. This medium-bodied Rosso is beautifully balanced with remarkable finesse. It remains well defined, structured around fine silky tannins, which make for a gorgeous mouthfeel. While still youthful today, this will require a bit more patience, nonetheless expect this lovely wine from Porcaria to flesh out and evolve gracefully over the course of the next decade. (Best 2020-2030) - *July, 2017 (JD)*
