



2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Contrada G

Rating

94

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2020 - 2035

Producer:**From:** Italy , Sicily , Terre Siciliane**Reviewed by**

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Color: Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese

The 2017 Contrada G (from the spectacular Contrada Guardiola) is a very elegant and polished expression with small berry intensity, crème de cassis, dried pomegranate and delicate whiffs of exotic spice. The wine positions itself with vertical intensity thanks to its mid-weight mouthfeel and very focused aromatic intensity that awakens the senses. I love the extremely polished and pristine nature of this 100% Nerello Mascalese. Some 3,750 bottles were released.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Contrada P

Rating

94

Release Price

\$85

Drink Date

2020 - 2033

Producer:**From:** Italy , Sicily , Terre Siciliane**Reviewed by**

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Color: Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese

Showing volume and generosity in terms of its aromatic delivery, the 2017 Contrada P is a mid-weight expression with forthcoming and immediate fruit aromas. Fruit is sourced from the Contrada Porcaria. The wine holds nothing back and instead delivers wild rose, cassis, aniseed and licorice. I love the carefree intensity and honesty with which this wine presents itself. There is a very subtle note of crushed white pepper on the close. A mere 2,900 bottles were made.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Contrada R

Rating

92

Release Price

\$70

Drink Date

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Producer:

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Andrea Franchetti's 2017 Contrada R (from the Contrada Rampante) is the most volcanic and mineral-driven of these single-vineyard expressions. You taste the dusty volcanic soil as if you were holding it in your hands. Delicate berry and blueberry aromas fill in the rear. The wine shows some dryness with powdery tannins and a mid-weight but very compact mouthfeel. Of these wines, I would drink this bottle soonest. Production is 2,700 bottles small.

From: Italy , Sicily , Terre Siciliane**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Contrada S

Rating

93

Release Price

\$66

Drink Date

2020 - 2032

Producer:**From:** Italy , Sicily , Terre Siciliane**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese**Reviewed by**

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"S" is for Sciaranuova, a contrade named after its "new lava flow." The 2017 Contrada S shows some nice fruit, cherry in particular, with drying volcanic and ashen tones at the back. Smoke, tar and licorice rise like fumes from the elegant bouquet. There is a note of white pepper as well that you get in some Etna reds, especially old vines of Nerello Mascalese with a tiny bit of Nerello Cappuccio planted within. Production of this wine is 2,450 bottles.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Contrada C

Rating

92

Release Price

\$60

Drink Date

2020 - 2030

Producer:**From:** Italy , Sicily , Terre Siciliane**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese**Reviewed by**

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With fruit from the Contrada Chiappemacine, the 2017 Contrada C shows an unexpected floral note of blue flower, wild rose or orange blossom that lifts gently from the bouquet. The wine offers a solid and compact quality of fruit with good tension and energy locked within. This is an elegant and graceful wine with a fine but loosely knit texture. It ages in large oak casks for 18 months. Some 3,720 bottles were made.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Etna Rosso Passorosso

Rating

91

Release Price

\$38

Drink Date

2019 - 2027

Producer:**From:** Italy , Sicily , Etna**Reviewed by**

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Color: Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Nerello Mascalese

The 2017 Etna Rosso Passorosso is a mid-weight wine with added succulence and concentration that comes naturally to this vintage. The wine shows the characteristics of Etna with wild berry aromas that cede to blue flower, smoke, tar, toasted aniseed and campfire ash. This is one of the most accessible and easy-drinking reds from Andrea Franchetti. Some 60,000 bottles were made.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Franchetti

Rating

96+

Release Price

\$129

Drink Date

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Color: Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

Andrea Franchetti's namesake 2017 Franchetti is a blend of 60% Petit Verdot and 40% Cesanese d'Affile from a vintage known for dark and extra rich fruit. This is a gorgeous wine that opens to an inky dark appearance and opulent aromas of midnight black fruit, spice, tar and campfire ash. The heat of the vintage has contributed to the immensity and fullness of this extremely opulent wine. There is some oak spice on the close thanks to eight months in new French barrique and ten months in cement vats. This is an A-lister for sure and a true beauty. Sadly, only 4,290 bottles were made.

2017 Passopisciaro Vini Franchetti Passobianco

Rating

92

Release Price

\$36

Drink Date

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Color: White**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry

The 2017 Passobianco shows a pretty straw-gold color with aromas of Golden Delicious apple, honey and a touch of sweetly toasted almond. This is a mid-weight wine that remains light and balanced on the palate thanks to those distinctive background notes of volcanic ash and sea salt. This is an extremely Mediterranean expression of Chardonnay. Some 25,000 bottles were released.

Type: Table

Variety: Chardonnay