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Editors' Choice

Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Contrada G Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

Here's another stunning wine from this fantastic estate, opening with aromas of underbrush, wild berry, tobacco, rose and dried mint. The structured, elegant palate delivers crushed raspberry, strawberry compote, star anise and flinty mineral, while taut, refined tannins provide finesse and support. Drink 2021–2029.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Contrada P Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

Wild cherry, crushed mint, forest floor and graphite aromas shape the nose on this gorgeous wine along with an earthy whiff of new leather. It's full bodied and elegantly structured, doling out Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and flinty mineral alongside enveloping, velvety tannins. Drink 2021–2029.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Contrada C Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

Violet, Mediterranean herb and red berry are just some of the aromas you'll find on this compelling wine. Silky and full bodied, the palate delivers raspberry compote, crushed Marasca cherry, star anise and flinty mineral alongside taut, refined tannins. Fresh acidity and a mineral vein add tension. Drink 2022–2029.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Contrada R Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

Underbrush, wet stone and camphor aromas meld with whiffs of scorched earth and Mediterranean scrub. The full-bodied, enveloping palate delivers dried Marasca cherry, orange zest, raspberry compote, fennel and flint alongside velvety tannins and lively acidity.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Contrada S Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)

Eucalyptus, Mediterranean herb and wild berry aromas mingle with a whiff of wet stone. It's full bodied and youthfully austere but also boasts a weightless elegance, doling out black cherry, flinty mineral and bitter almond sensations before a licorice close. Thanks to the ripe fruit flavors, you'd never guess this had a hefty abv of 15%.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2017 Passorosso (Etna)

Aromas of ripe wild berry and Mediterranean scrub alongside a whiff of eucalyptus take shape in the glass. Juicy and smooth, the palate offers crushed raspberry, strawberry compote, licorice and notes of exotic incense framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. A tangy mineral note gives the finish tension. Drink through 2027.

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