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is pleased to introduce

**WINERY: ARRIGO**

**Nerello Mascalese Sicilia 2017 DOC**

**VINTAGE:** 2017

**SIGHT:** deep red

**SMELL:** fresh, red fruit aromas of cherry and pomegranate, savory wild herbs and spices, mineral stone, igneous stone, and smoke

**TASTE:** on the palate are hints of licorice, clove, and dried black cherry. A moderate amount of tannins provide a lingering, elegant finish. All estate fruit from Contrada Pietramarina, minimal sulfites, no wood. Fresh on the palate with medium acidity, making the tannins delicate but persistent and easy to drink

**Grape Variety:** 100% Nerello Mascalese

**Production Area:** Mt. Etna, Sicily. 2.5 hectares of vines situated on an ancient sea bed

**Classification:** DOC

**Soil Composition:** the soil in Contrada Pietramarina is a fine mixture of sandstone and volcanic rock that has a powdery texture, quite different than most of the classic volcanic rock and pomace laden soils found on Etna. The soil is slightly damp, but when rubbed between the hands, it effortlessly dusts off like a fine powder leaving your hands dry and clean. This fine powdery soil is what gives the wines finesse and elegance

**Exposure:** Pietramarina (marine rock) is almost 2,000 feet above sea level with the Alcantara River gently flowing over the partially-terraced terrain

**Vines Per Hectare:** 4,000/ha

**Formats:** 750 ml

**Pairing Suggestion:** Nerello Mascalese pairs very well with game like rabbit (coniglio cacciatore) or grilled rack of lamb

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Acidity:** 5.80 g/l

**pH:** 3.45

**Background**

Every great wine is distinguished by the monovarietal version. Nerello Mascalese is the main indigenous grape grown on Etna Volcano and that's why Arrigo family decided to dedicate the entire production to this very elegant and full of minerality red wine that is one of the most wanted Italian wine of the year.

**The Winery**

The estate is near the base of the fabled Mount Etna, the DOC wine-making region. It is situated on the north side of the volcano, with the medieval town of Castiglione di Sicilia looming behind. Pietramarina (marine rock) is almost 2,000 feet above sea level with the Alcantara River gently flowing over the partially-terraced terrain. These are the historic lands and vineyards of the Barons Lanza-Palermo. In addition to a variety of fruit trees and spontaneous vegetation, there are 60 olive trees on the estate. This biodiversity is fundamental to a healthy ecosystem for the Nerello Mascalese vines to thrive.