



Opening the winery Le Casematte, which was founded in 2008, was the realization of a dream for accountant Gianfranco Sabbatino. Today that dream is shared with another person. Footballer Andrea Barzagli, a wine and winemaking enthusiast, has also “taken to the field.” This small, bold company that runs on its own two feet with passion and determination fully reflects that philosophy of “getting things done” that characterizes its founders. Gianfranco Sabbatino is from Messina and wants to lay claim to his land, Sicily, and promote a healthy culture in the hopes that he can ambitiously add a new piece to the patchwork quilt of an active network of skilled businesses. After all, the company has a strong local identity as it can be found on the northern hills of the city of Messina in Faro Superiore. It is not only a commercial endeavor but includes a longstanding history with the vines that have produced wine since ancient times. That history is being updated for modern times, bringing with it signs of previous centuries as it meets new the new needs of winemaking. Gianfranco and Andrea’s story is one of passion and of love for the fruit of the vines; a story of men, work and respect for nature.





GRILLO IGP TERRE SICILIANE

Variety: 100% Grillo
Training system: Espalier
Production area: Butera
Harvest: Hand-harvested beginning the second week of September
Aging: Steel for 6 months and 1 month in bottle
Description: An intense straw yellow in color, this Grillo has intense aromas of ripe fruit like Golden Delicious apples followed by tropical fruit sensations. The palate presents tanginess and a wonderful acidity. It pairs well with fish preparations and mild cheese.



NERO D'AVOLA IGP TERRE SICILIANE

Variety: 100% Nero d'Avola
Training system: Espalier
Production area: Butera
Harvest: Hand-harvested beginning the second week of September
Aging: Steel for 6 months and 1 month in bottle
Description: Intense ruby red tending towards garnet, this Nero d'Avola has a vast array of fruity aromas with notes of ripe plum. The flavor is mouthfilling and warm with fragrant vinous notes and good acidity. Because of its characteristics, it pairs well with red meat and sharp cheese.



ROSEMATTE IGT TERRE SICILIANE

Grape variety: Nerello Mascalese 100%
Vinification: maturation in stainless steel vats for 6 months
Aging: in bottle for at least 3 months
Alcohol: 12%
Total production: 5000 bottles
First Vintage 2013
Tasting notes: ancient pink colour, nose of small red fruits, currant and wild strawberries. Mineral notes and floral scents of aromatic Mediterranean herbs.
Fresh on the palate with a crisp and crunchy fruit enhanced by an exuberant acidity that permits a particularly enjoyable and long finishing.



PELORO BIANCO IGT

Grape variety: Grillo 65%, Caricante 35%
Harvest: traditional hand-harvesting
Vinification: In stainless steel vats.
Aging: In bottle for at least 3 months
Tasting notes: This wine has a refined and persistent nose whose mineral and iodine notes perfectly blend with aromas of white and yellow-fleshed fruit and floral nuances, mainly mimosa and camomile, as well as fresh undertones of aromatic Mediterranean herbs. On the palate, it is fresh and tangy with vibrant acidity, rich fruit and a long, invigorating finale, which is heightened by lively citrus notes



PELORO ROSSO IGT

Grape variety: Nerello Mascalese 70%, Nocera 30%
Harvest: traditional hand-harvesting on the skins
Vinification: long maceration on the skins
Wine maturation: in stainless steel vats before aging in French Oak barrels for a short period of time.
Aging: in bottle for at least 6 months
Tasting notes: It has an intense ruby red colour with violet reflections. The nose is generous with a floral bouquet and notes of small berries, carob and liquorice. It is all well balanced with spicy finish. On the palate, the wine has fresh acidity, rich fruit flavours with pleasant, elegant tannins.



FARO DOC

Grape variety: Nerello Mascalese 55%, Nocera 10%, Nerello Cappuccio 25%, Nero d'Avola 10%
Harvest: traditional hand-harvesting
Vinification: long maceration on the skins
Wine maturation: French oak barrels of medium size for 9 months
Aging: in bottle for at least 6 months
Tasting notes: brilliant hues of wonderful ruby red colour with violet reflections. The nose is generous with a floral bouquet and notes of small berries, carob and liquorice, it is all well balanced with spicy finish. On the palate, the wine has fresh acidity, rich fruit flavours with pleasant, elegant and vibrant tannins.