

## CONTRADA PIANODARIO 2017

*Pianodario, one of the four contrade (districts) in which we live and work, is located at an average elevation of 775 meters a.s.l., between Montelaguardia and Randazzo. It is an area of 7.91 hectares and 3.8 hectares are vineyards, characterized by terraces with dry-stone walls and with a degrading morphology from South to North with an average slope of 7%. The territory in which the vineyards are located is characterized by formations of volcanic origin between 15,000 and 4,000 years old. It is possible to hypothesize a stratigraphic succession below the vineyards of Contrada Pianodario in which, under a covering of soil, there are lands between 15,000 and 4,000 years on top of much older lands (40,000-30,000 years).*

**Grapes:** Nerello Mascalese

**Appellation:** Red - Etna DOC

**Production area:** North slopes of Etna volcano - Contrada Pianodario Randazzo, Catania - Sicily

**Soil:** volcanic formations that are between 15,000 and 4,000 years old

**Age of vineyard:** 2010

**Elevation:** 775 m a.s.l.

**Exposure:** north east - south west

**Training system:** espalier

**Pruning system:** espalier, bush

**Vines per ha:** 7,000

**Yields per ha:** 58 ql

**Harvest:** October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Climate:** A mild start to the Spring with good rainfall in March. A hot and dry summer. Good rainfall at the beginning of October ensured a slow maturation

**Fermentation:** traditional for reds

**Fermentation temperature:** 25-30°C

**Duration of fermentation:** 8 days

**Malolactic fermentation:** full

**Ageing:** 12 months in 25hl oak Slavonian oak barrels

**Alcohol content:** 13.5% Vol.

**Wine analytical data:** pH 3.35 - TA 6.03 g/l - RS 0.5 g/l - TE 26.8 g/l

