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Rosematte Nerello Mascalese IGP

Le Casematte is owned by the charismatic Gianfranco Sabbatino and soccer champion Andrea Barzagli, whose collective passion for terroir-driven wines come through in their wines. Located on the northeastern corner of the triangular island, near Messina, Le Casematte's total surface is a mere 20 hectares – less than 50 acres. And in fact, the winery is located at Faro Superiore, high above the Strait of Messina, where the steep hillsides have a 70% gradient. It was named after two casematte or casemates (also known as bunkers) from World War II that sit on the main property and served as observatories and defensive structures at that time. From vineyards located at Faro Superiore, high above the strait of Messina. The grapes are harvested and pressed in early fall, and aged in stainless steel and then bottle for a refreshing and bright rosé wine.

Wine exported to: Austria, Canada, USA, Japan, Puerto Rico, Australia, Turks and Caicos

Most recent awards

JAMES SUCKLING: 89

VINOUS: 89



Winemaking and Aging

Grape Varieties:	100% Nerello Mascalese
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	10 days
Type of yeast:	Selected yeast
Fermentation temperature:	16 °C (60.8 °F)
Length of maceration:	2h
Malolactic fermentation:	No
Aging containers:	Stainless steel
Bottling period:	March
Aging before bottling:	3 months
Aging in bottle:	3 months
Closure:	diam



Vineyard

Organic:	No
Vineyard name:	no name
Vineyard location:	Faro Superiore, Messina, Sicily
Vineyard size:	20 hectares (49 acres)
Soil composition:	Calcareous clay and sand
Vine training:	Guyot

Altitude:	250-370 meters (820 and 1,215 feet) above sea level
Vine density:	5,000-6,000 plants per hectare
Yield:	71 -75 quintals per hectare
Exposure:	Northeastern
Years planted:	1999
Age of vines:	15-30 years old
Time of harvest:	Mid to late September
First vintage of this wine:	2014
Total yearly production (in bottles):	3,000



Tasting Notes and Food Pairings

Tasting notes:	Bright coral pink in color, the nose has notes of small red fruit like wild strawberry and red currant; flowery notes of Mediterranean herbs and minerality. Fresh and delectable with crisp fruit flavors and wonderful acidity. Light, refreshing and zesty on the palate with a lingering finish.
Serving temperature:	Best served at 6-8 °C (42.8-46.4 °F);
Food pairings:	Tuna steak cooked with capers and olives as well as other complex fish preparations.
Aging potential:	3 years
Alcohol:	Alcohol cont.: 12,5/13% by vol.; dry extract: 20 g/l; residual sugar: <5 g/l; total acidity: 6.5 g/l; pH: 3.2
Winemaker:	Carlo Ferrini