



2016 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosato

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 93 | NA | 2017 - 2022 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Rosé |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

Both Girolamo Russo and Graci make Etna Rosato wines that show very similar color intensity. This pale hue of pink and copper is called "buccia di cipolla," or onion skin in Italian. The 2016 Etna Rosato is a spectacular example and has really hit the nail on the head when it comes to elegance of color and presentation. Nor does the bouquet disappoint. This is an excellent wine. It prizes linearity, freshness and crispness above all. But it also offers budding complexity with so much mineral definition followed by nectarine and a Sicilian fruit called nespole. This wine should hold and become even finer and more mineral driven over the next few years.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Proprietary Blend

2016 Graci Etna Rosato

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 90+ | NA | 2017 - 2021 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Rosé |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

Graci's 2016 Etna Rosato is even more mineral driven than his colleague Girolamo Russo's wine. This expression takes a lean and fine approach by offering enough mineral definition to give the wine backbone. But it also offers a playful hint of pink grapefruit and crème de cassis to add fruity highlights and subtle volume. The effect is stitched tight with very fine needlework. The aromatic veiling is delicate and fine. The presentation is absolutely pristine and lovely.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Nerello Mascalese

2016 Graci Etna Bianco

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 91 | NA | 2017 - 2022 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: White |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| Made with a blend of 70% Carricante and 30% Catarratto, the 2016 Etna Bianco is a wine that invites easy (and happy) drinking. This is a streamlined and tonic expression with salty mineral tones followed by white peach and Golden Delicious apple. The Graci trademark is balance, and this wine shows impeccable harmony with a beautifully polished finish. | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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| | | | Variety: Proprietary Blend |

2015 Graci Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 90 | NA | 2018 - 2026 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| Here is an exciting new wine from Alberto Aiello Graci. The single-vineyard 2015 Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo is comprised of 95% Nerello Mascalese and 5% Nerello Cappuccio. The wine opens to a dark garnet color with bright ruby highlights. The bouquet is redolent of wild berry, crushed stone and a tangy hint of spicy Spanish cedar. The mouthfeel delivers a stronger tannic bite, and I would suggest giving the wine another year or two of cellar aging to allow for even integration. | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso Feudo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 93 | NA | 2017 - 2030 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| This is a beautiful wine. Showing a mild garnet color and medium consistency, the 2015 Etna Rosso Feudo is the lightest of Giuseppe Russo's new releases. It impresses for its elegance and its deep sense of finesse. In fact, this wine has performed exceptionally well considering the challenges encountered by many on Etna in this warmer, and therefore shorter, growing season. Feudo offers lingering grace and purpose with wild berry, campfire ash and licorice. | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso San Lorenzo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 94 | NA | 2018 - 2030 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

The 2015 Etna Rosso San Lorenzo is almost all Nerello Mascalese with a tiny bit (just 2%) Nerello Cappuccio. I love the extreme balance that this wine shows with its medley of aromas that span from berry fruit and spice to dark volcanic mineral. San Lorenzo adds a touch of sweetness or softness, although you can hardly call it that given the austerity and structural firmness you should expect of this noble Sicilian grape. That elegance does a lot to soften the mouthfeel and ultimately renders the wine more accessible but complex at the same time.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Proprietary Blend

2015 Graci Etna Bianco Arcuria

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 92+ | \$50 | 2017 - 2025 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: White |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

Graci produces some of the finest wines on Etna. The 2015 Etna Bianco Arcuria (100% Carricante) is a delightful wine that absolutely revives and refreshes the palate with each beautiful sip. It is fragrant and fresh but it also offers a very firm sense of depth. The bouquet opens to salty mineral tones with lighter layers of white peach and tangerine skin. The Arcuria vineyard, located just opposite the Graci palmento and winery, is planted to ancient vines.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Carricante

2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Bianca Nerina

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 90 | NA | 2017 - 2021 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: White |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| | | | Sweetness: Dry |

The Girolamo Russo 2015 Etna Bianca Nerina is a beautiful white wine that hits all the right spots on your sensory system. The wine opens to a very luminous and attractive appearance. The bouquet is redolent of white peach, pine nut, citrus and crushed mineral. The intensity is there, but this wine is more muted compared to the stellar 2014 vintage that left an even bigger mark on my senses when I tasted it. This edition shows volume and dimension, with a slightly shorter finish.

Type: Table

Variety: Proprietary Blend

2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 93 | NA | 2018 - 2030 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Lerner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

The 2015 Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo is a dark and fleshy expression with more volume and weight compared to the other wines in this series. In terms of appearance, it shows a dark garnet hue with deep ruby highlights. There is a greater sense of structure, dark fruit and tannic firmness here as well. This wine needs another year in the bottle before being consumed. But if you have a bottle, I suggest waiting at least five more years before drinking it. This wine flaunts its youth now and needs more time to integrate.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Proprietary Blend

2015 Graci Etna Rosso

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 91 | \$26 | 2017 - 2025 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Lerner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

Here is a textbook wine from Etna. The 2015 Etna Rosso reflects the basic promises of this exciting appellation. The wine offers power and grace with territory-specific aromas of cigar ash, dark granite and dried black currant. Background tones of wild sage, balsam herb and tar give the wine a greater sense of dimension and depth. The finish is balanced and silky in texture, yet Nerello Mascalese always delivers a firm tannic backbone. Graci lets the fruit speak for itself.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Nerello Mascalese

2015 Graci Etna Bianco

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 90 | NA | 2017 - 2021 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: White |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| <p>The 2015 Etna Bianco (70% Carricante and 30% Catarratto) is an Etna white made in a crisp and tonic style that gives it immediate drinking appeal. The bouquet offers white fruit and melon with pine nut and natural rubber. This wine shows a deft winemaking hand. Fresh notes of green herb and crushed mineral give length to the finish. Fruit is sourced from various vineyard sites in the Etna appellation.</p> | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosato

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 90 | NA | 2017 - 2020 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Rosé |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| <p>The 2015 vintage is slighter weaker across these wines, although you certainly can't go wrong with a refreshing choice like the 2015 Etna Rosato. Rosé wines from Etna are a personal obsession, and Giuseppe Russo of Girolamo Russo makes one of the best expressions on the volcano. This wine opens to a light pink and copper color with balanced aromas of wild berry and volcanic ash. The ensemble is harmonious and absolutely refreshing down to the last drop.</p> | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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| | | | Variety: Proprietary Blend |

2015 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso 'a Rina

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 92 | NA | 2017 - 2028 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |
| <p>Girolamo Russo's 2015 Etna Rosso 'a Rina is 90% Nerello Mascalese and 10% Nerello Cappuccio. This is a deep and layered red wine from Etna with a savory and enriched flavor profile. The wine offers some barbecue smoke and campfire ash with dark berry fruit, balsam herb, licorice and tar.</p> | | | Sweetness: Dry |
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Mediterranean tones of rosemary and oregano also appear. The aromatic profile of this vintage stands apart from the rest due to its more savory and almost meaty profile.

2015 Graci Etna Rosso Arcurià

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date |
| 93 | \$55 | 2018 - 2030 |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate |

This is not considered an easy vintage on Etna, but Graci has pulled off stellar results regardless. I am impressed by the elegance shown by this wine. The 2015 Etna Rosso Arcurià demonstrates the enormous strides made by this landmark winery. The mouthfeel is silky and bright and almost weightless in texture. Don't be misled, because there is enormous structure, power and firmness too, although it is almost undeclared at the outset. The wine sneaks up on you and builds in upward momentum, thanks to bright cherry, dark mineral and licorice flavors.

Producer: Graci
From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia
Color: Red
Type: Table
Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Nerello Mascalese

2014 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso Feudo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date |
| 94 | NA | 2017 - 2030 |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate |

Showing vibrant color saturation, the 2014 Etna Rosso Feudo is the most conventional and contemporary of Giuseppe Russo's single-vineyard red wines in this fabulous vintage. It earns high marks for this reason. This classic Etna red shows dark-fruit aromas of prune, plum and pressed blackberry. Dark mineral notes with grilled herb and pressed flower fill in at the rear. It offers the quality you should expect of a wine of this important pedigree.

Producer: Girolamo Russo
From: Italy , Sicily , Etna
Color: Red
Type: Table
Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Proprietary Blend

2014 Graci Etna Bianco Arcurià

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date |
| 91 | \$50 | 2017 - 2021 |

Producer: Graci

Reviewed by

Monica Larner

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31st Aug 2017

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232, The Wine Advocate

From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia**Color:** White**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Carricante

The 2014 Etna Bianco Arcurà shows a more oxidative style. The wine is aged in large oak casks. Apricot, honey and toasted nut emerge from the bouquet, with butterscotch and candied fruit at the back. The wine reveals a creamy consistency and makes a very nice impact in the mouth. Because of those advanced aromas, I am suggesting a slightly shorter drinking window than I otherwise would have assigned to this Carricante-based white.

2014 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso 'a Rina

Rating

93

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2017 - 2027

Reviewed by

Monica Larner

Issue Date

31st Aug 2017

Source

232, The Wine Advocate

Producer: Girolamo Russo**From:** Italy , Sicily , Etna**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

The 2014 Etna Rosso 'a Rina is a more robust and austere wine compared to the more delicate Feudo di Mezzo. There is more meat on these bones. This Etna red opens to a dark ruby color and shows mid-weight intensity on the palate. This Etna Rosso reveals extreme balance and precision with bold fruit tones and cherry followed by balanced spice and grilled herb. This wine offers beautiful volume and layering that keeps your interest for as long as the wine sits in your glass.

2014 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso San Lorenzo

Rating

96

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2018 - 2035

Reviewed by

Monica Larner

Issue Date

31st Aug 2017

Source

232, The Wine Advocate

Producer: Girolamo Russo**From:** Italy , Sicily , Etna**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

The 2014 Etna Rosso San Lorenzo is a vintage darling and an exceptional expression from Sicily. Like the Feudo di Mezzo, this wine shows a sweet note of stone fruit, dried apricot and honey that segues to more traditional nuances of wild berry, dried cherry, allspice and rum cake. I don't recognize those unique characteristics in any other wine from Etna. San Lorenzo shows determination and momentum with integrated tannins and points of fresh

acidity that keep your attention. I love the balance and the tension shown by this wine. It offers an extremely impressive level of density, volume and strength.

2014 Girolamo Russo Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Girolamo Russo |
| 95 | NA | 2017 - 2030 | |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Color: Red |

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Proprietary Blend

Giuseppe Russo never disappoints, and his 2014 Etna Rosso Feudo di Mezzo is one of my favorite wines in this extensive tasting of Etna reds. This is a fascinating wine that shifts and changes with each swirl of the glass. The aromas are also very distinct and unusual. First, you get a whiff of apricot or stone fruit with more intense layers of cinnamon stick and rum cake. These aromas seem to emerge from the fruit that enjoyed a warm and long growing season in 2014. After a few moments, the wine turns to an elegant and more feminine side with integrated tannins, acidity and streamlined finesse.

2014 Graci Etna Rosso Arcurià

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| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
| 90 | \$55 | 2017 - 2026 | |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Color: Red |

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Nerello Mascalese

The 2014 Etna Rosso Arcurià shows a deep garnet color with dark ruby reflections. The bouquet offers immediate intensity in the form of ripe fruit, dark plum, cherry confit, spice and toasted chestnut. It shows roundness and softness that only comes in warm and long vintages, much like the trouble-free 2014 growing season. The finish is slightly sweet and chewy. The wine is almost too ripe for me (compared to the 2013 vintage), especially on the finish. I'm assigning a slightly shorter drinking window as a result. Some 8,900 bottles were produced.

2014 Graci Etna Rosso

| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
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| 92 | \$26 | 2017 - 2024 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

The Graci 2014 Etna Rosso is a terrific entry-level wine from the mighty volcano. The wine is absolutely reflective of the vintage with a deep ruby color and pristine fruit integrity. That's what really stands out here: the fresh and supple quality of those red fruit flavors. Behind the bright primary aromas are subtle tones of dark spice, earth and mountain herb. I prefer this wine to the single-vineyard Arcurìa expression from the same vintage. This wine is aged in cement vats and in large oak casks. Some 39,000 bottles were produced. This wine offers great value from Southern Italy.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Nerello Mascalese

2013 Graci Sicilia Quota 1000 Barbabecchi

| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer: Graci |
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| 95 | \$150 | 2017 - 2032 | From: Italy , Sicily , Etna , Castiglione di Sicilia |
| Reviewed by | Issue Date | Source | Color: Red |
| Monica Larner | 31st Aug 2017 | 232, The Wine Advocate | Type: Table |

This is Alberto Graci's top-shelf wine. The 2013 Sicilia Quota 1000 Barbabecchi is a pure expression of Nerello Mascalese, with fruit sourced from one of Etna's highest vineyards up on the volcano's steep slopes. This wine opens to a mild garnet color and lean consistency. What it lacks in color saturation, it makes up for in terms of power and aromatic intensity. The wine's texture is lean and compact, but this wine does deliver beautifully in terms of long-lasting elegance and grace. This single-vineyard bottling from the Barbabecchi vineyard is labeled Sicily DOC instead of Etna DOC because the Etna appellation officially ends at 1,000 meters above sea level. These precious pre-phylloxera vines are planted just above that altitude. Only 1,600 bottles are made.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Nerello Mascalese