



GIOVANNI ROSSO



VINTAGE 2021

ETNA ROSSO DOP

VINOUS Antonio Galloni

93/100

The 2021 Etna Rosso is darkly floral. Crushed violets combine with rose petals, lavender and citrus-spiked blackberries. It's silky smooth, round and supple, with juicy acidity and masses of ripe red and blue fruits that swirl throughout. This tapers off on a note of refinement, gently tannic and long as black cherry and ground gloves nuances resonate. Thile already a pleasure to enjoy today, the 2021 possesses the balance to excel through cellaring. Eric Guido

Kerin O'Keefe

93/100

Aromas of wild red berry, spice, rose and Mediterranean scrub come to the forefront on the vibrant 2021 Etna Rosso from Giovanni Rosso. On the palate, lithe, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity accompany wild strawberry, raspberry, white pepper and tangy saline.

DECANTER

92/100

Davide Rosso is one of a small number of Piedmontese winemakers who have found an affinity with Etna. Since 2016, he has produced wine from a 14ha vineyard at 750 metres above sea level on the volcano's north slope, in the Contrada of Solicchiata in Castiglione di Sicilia. 2021 saw a very dry growing season, and here you can find the higher concentration you might expect from such a year. Slightly plummy and very floral, it combines dark berries and bright

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VINTAGE 2020

raspberry with zesty acidity, touches of earthiness and spice, and a citrus peel finish. Lovely precision and freshness. James Button

Kerin O'Keefe

94/100

Aromas of Mediterranean scrub, wet stone and woodland berry come to the forefront on the stunning 2020 Giovanni Rosso Etna Rosso. On the linear, elegantly structured palate, bright acidity accompanies ripe red cherry, pomegranate and white pepper before finishing on blood orange and a tangy mineral note recalling rusty nail. It's focused, with lithe tannins and great tension.

DECANTER

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Bright pink flowers, roses and strawberry fruit on the nose. Lively and expressive, fragrant and inviting. Smooth and succulent, a juicy and vibrant acidity on the mid palate with an iron tang, bitter orange and salty, oyster, iron, stone finish that is a touch dry but more mineral than unpleasant. Aspects of peppery spice and dried herbs on the finish leaving a sunny, warm expression. Nice clarity and precision with bite and a spicy tang. Georgina Hindle

The Wine Journal Eros Teboni

91/100

The Wine Hunter Award

RED

VINTAGE 2019

Decanter

94/100

Gorgeous salted, sour cherry notes on the nose with touches of iron filings. Vibrant and lifted, this has a lovely delicacy to it, smooth and almost light in terms of overall weight but with a piercing density of flavour that fills the mouth and drives to the finish. I love the slightly sour element and touch of iron you get on the tongue too. Excellent detail and precision, clarity and sense of minerality alongside hints of raspberry, violet and white pepper. Lovely control here, letting the terroir shine through. Excellent expression, great value and such a pleasure to drink. Georgina Hindle

Wine Advocate

92/100

The Giovanni Rosso 2019 Etna Rosso reveals concentrated fruit and some extra ripeness with dried cherry, blackberry and oak toast. That full-bodied style and the fruit weight is characteristic of the vintage; however, it also suggests a near or medium-term drinking window. The wine remains accessible and very fruity. Monica Larnier

Wine Spectator

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This elegant red draws you into the glass with enticing hints of pine, rose and anise on the nose, where a streak of tarry mineral underscores ripe cherry and wild strawberry fruit, orange peel and tea leaf notes. Fresh and juicy, with fine,

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VINTAGE 2018

firm tannins that emerge on the finish. Best from 2023 through 2032. Bruce Sanderson

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Jeb Dunnuck
92/100

The 2018 Etna Rosso is a brilliant ruby and fresh with red berries, soft, sweet perfume and smoke. Medium-bodied, it has lifted freshness, notes of orange peel and fresh berries, impressive gripping structure and good finish. Drink over the next 5-10 years.

Wein Plus
90/100 "Eccellente"

Profumo di tabacco e un po' di cuoio con note leggermente calde di bacche rosse e nere, un po' di catrame, limone, semi di finocchio e sfumature vegetali secche. Piuttosto succoso, frutta rossa aspra, aromi affumicati, di nocciola e leggermente amaro-cioccolatoso, abbastanza presente, tannino maturo, persistente al palato, ha sostanza e potenza, buona profondità, note leggermente di pomodoro-vegetale, accenni di fondi di caffè, anche sale, molto buono, deciso, sapido e speziato nel finale con un accenno di catrame, coriandolo e ginepro.

James Suckling
90/100

The pale color in the glass is what you might expect from Etna. Pleasant, fresh strawberries and dainty floral and mineral notes here. Medium-bodied with well-tamed, very fine tannins and a fresh finish. A little short and, in the end, it more resembles a rosé this year. But pleasant to drink now.

Decanter
93/100

A lovely pale orange-red tinge to the wine in the glass. Such an aromatic nose filled with iron filings, wet stone and summer berry fruits alongside violet touches. It has such freshness on the tongue, immediately juicy and then fills out with density of flavour. There's a captivating rusticity to this with a savoury, almost herbal element edging the bright cherry and raspberry fruit. Soft tannins and lively acidity. A star-value buy. Made with native grape Nerello Mascalese with small percentages of other local and indigenous varieties. Vines are planted on volcanic soil in a north/northeastern site 750 metres in altitude. Georgina Hindle

Wine Enthusiast
93/100

Made predominantly with Nerello Mascalese and a small percentage of other native grapes, this lithe, lovely red has alluring aromas of Mediterranean scrub, wild berry, hay and eucalyptus. Linear and all about finesse, the savory palate features crushed strawberry, pomegranate and star anise while a vein of saline mineral notes adds depth. Polished tannins provide elegant support while bright acidity keeps it balanced. Kerin O'Keefe

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Piedmontese Davide Rosso captures the soul of Etna in this vibrant red, which is mostly Nerello Mascalese with small amounts of 'other local varieties'. The aromatic nose is packed with Morello cherry and undergrowth, sweet spices, iron filings and wet stone. On the palate, the harmony between soft and silky tannins and the acid-alcoholic component stands out.

Wine Enthusiast

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Red berry, rose and Mediterranean scrub aromas form the lovely fragrance. Lithe and elegant, the savory palate features ripe red cherry, raspberry, star anise and flinty mineral alongside polished, supple tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced. Kerin O'Keefe

James Suckling

92/100

This has a very alluring, savory coal-dust, rust and terracotta nose with black fruit and violets. The palate is supple, smooth-honed and has lacy, glossy tannins that sit in a fleshy repose. James Suckling

Dagens Naeringsliv

90/100, Top 25 rank

This red is tightly wound and austere, displaying a glimpse of cherry and strawberry fruit, along with hay, tar and mint. This is also fresh and persistent, so give it time. Best from 2025 through 2040. Bruce Sanderson

Wine Enthusiast

95/100

Scents of strawberries and flowers. Delicate and slightly fleshy fruit on the palate with light delicate tannins. Marete Bo

The drinks Business

GOLD

Tom Cannavan's Wine Page

92/100

Giovanni Rosso's Etna red is mostly Nerello Mascalese, with small amounts of other local varieties. It is matured in French oak barrels of various sizes. The colour shows a little tawny on the rim, but it is quite ripe and smoothly solid on the nose, a little whisp of exotic, incense-like smokiness and firm black and red fruits. In the mouth the game and truffle character is more pronounced, but there's a piercing freshness about this, a zest of orange or kumquat bitterness, small, firm berries and plenty of spices too. It's a solid and powerful wine, and yet has agility too. Tom Cannavan

Wine Spectator

90/100

Round and medium-bodied with light tannins, this juicy red offers a pleasing range of wild strawberry, candied orange zest, graphite and black tea leaf. A hint of smoky mineral shows on the lightly chewy finish. Drink now through 2026. AN

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VINTAGE 2016

Wine Enthusiast

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Aromas of red berries, crushed mint and violet meld with eucalyptus and smoke on the nose. On the elegant, youthfully austere palate, it shows taut, refined tannins offset by flavors of Marasca cherry, strawberry compote and star anise alongside bright acidity. It closes on an alluring spice note. Kerin O'Keefe

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Wine Spectator

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A creamy, medium-bodied red, featuring firm, finely knit tannins enmeshed with flavors of dried cherry and Earl Grey tea. A streak of smoky mineral echoes on the fresh finish. Best from 2020 through 2029. AN

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