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Sicilia, Italy

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*(Etna Bianco Gamma 2020) "Bright straw colour. Vertical aromas and flavours of lemon verbena, apple and minerals. Long and fresh on the vibrant finish. The Carricante grapes were sourced near Milo, the single best spot to grow this grape on Etna. The wine is aged in stainless steel only. This white wine showcases noteworthy finesse and ages very well." 92 points Ian D'Agata, Terroir Sense (April 2024)*

*(Etna Rosso Il Purgatorio 2019) "Bright red. Terrific floral lift to the ripe aromas and flavours of red fruits, minerals and sweet spices. Perfumed and penetrating in the mouth, with lots of energy and thrust to the spicy red cherry and redcurrant flavors. Very long, fine-grained finish featuring a strongly saline mineral grip. 100% Nerello Mascalese from the Biancavilla area of Etna." 93 points Ian D'Agata, Terroir Sense (April 2024)*

Born and raised in a family of winemakers, Federico Curtaz is originally from Piedmont, where his grandparents owned old Barbera vineyards in the Monferrato area. Following in their footsteps, he studied Viticulture & Oenology in Piedmont and began his career working for the prestigious Angelo Gaja in Barbaresco, for an impressive tenure of approximately fifteen years. Since then, he has travelled and worked as a consultant across Italy sharing his expertise, including several collaborations in Sicily with the likes of Gancia, Pupillo, Graffetta, and Centopassi. Sicily ended up capturing his heart, charmed by the incredible beauty of this land, and captivated with the islands unique and diverse viticultural heritage, he made Sicily his home and producing wine here his life's work.

Federico launched his own eponymous brand in 2014, a passion project, meticulously sourcing select parcels of native grapes and entrusting a local family winery to produce the wines, but with full creative direction over the winemaking. More recently, he has acquired his own vineyards in Noto, the southernmost reaches of Sicily, as well as on the northern slopes of the majestic Mount Etna and continues to rent some beautiful old vineyards on the southern slopes of Etna.

Curtaz has big plans for the future, including building his own winemaking facility in Milo, on the eastern side of the volcano. Presently, his portfolio offers four exceptional wines. The Gamma, an Etna Bianco sourced from the villages of Milo and Biancavilla, exclusively featuring the Carricante grape variety. Kudos, an Etna Bianco Superiore derived from the esteemed Rinazzo vineyard, also composed entirely of Carricante. Il Purgatorio, an Etna Rosso, made through the harmonious blend of Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio grapes, drawing its name from the ancient Contrada of Biancavilla. Finally, Ananke, a 100% Nero D'Avola, made from the fruit of his vineyards in Noto.

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
<b>White Wine</b>					
FZ0122	Etna Bianco Gamma	2022	12.5%	Cork	6x0.75lt
<b>Red Wine</b>					
FZ0220	Etna Rosso Il Purgatorio	2020	14.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt