

Gaudioso

Country: Italy

Region: Sicilia

Grape(s): Syrah

Producer: Antonio Gaudioso

Farming: Biodynamic

2019 Gaudioso Syrah

Azienda Agricola Gaudioso is a 30 hectare biodynamic farm located in Partanna, Sicily, with about 7 hectares under vine. Though they are a young company, they have a rich history coming from Sicilian winemakers for several generations. Growing both indigenous and French varieties, along with olives for oil, they work the land with respect and forgo the use of pesticides or herbicides. The wines they make are vibrant and bright, employing spontaneous fermentation in the cellar, they impart as little intervention as possible in the cellar.

This Syrah is one of the international grapes grown at Gaudioso. Planted in 1998, the Syrah comes from a 3 hectare vineyard, rich with sandy clay soils. Harvested the final week of August, this wine maintains lightness and acidity, making it an unusual style of red for the region. Spontaneously fermented in stainless steel, the Syrah macerates for only 8 days, is not temperature controlled, and is bottled without any fining, filtration, and the use of only minimal sulfur at bottling.

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- Grapes are harvested and sorted by hand
- Grapes are de-stemmed
- Wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts
- Wine spends 8 days on its skin, 1 year in stainless steel
- The wine is unfinned, unfiltered, with less than 25 mg/l total sulfur content

TASTING NOTES: A wine with a dense purple red colour. Pleasant aromas of fresh red fruit such as cherries and red mulberries lead on to notes of pomegranate and vanilla. Grassy notes accompany the tasting of the wine which is pleasing to drink owing to the low alcohol content.