HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Cortese Nostru Nerello Mascalese, Terre Siciliane

Price	£14.49
Code	CORT205

This memorable red with its big personality and distinctive fruits is a great wine for the price and a lovely example of this highly regarded Sicilian varietal, which has recently been rediscovered and is proving hugely popular.

Tasting Notes:

Bright ruby-red in colour, vibrant, with a lovely luminosity. The aroma is fine and complex, reminiscent of a variety of red fruits, with a sophisticated spicy character. On the palate, the elegance of the volcanic terroir shines through. The tannins are silky-smooth, balanced with a remarkable mineral character.



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Specification	
Vinification	The grapes are hand-picked, then immediately vinified, beginning with de-stemming. The must is fermented on the skins with frequent remontages during the early stages of fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, we continue the skin contact for about 15 days with one very soft remontage a day. Malolactic fermentation occurs naturally once separated from the skins. The wine is kept on it very fine lees for about 6-8 months before being bottled.
ABV	13.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now
Country	Italy
Region	Sicily
Type	Red Wine
Grapes	Nerello Mascalese
Genres	Organic, Vegan, Vegetarian
Vintage	2023
Body	Soft, fruity and smooth
Producer	Azienda Agricola Cortese
Producer Overview	Cortese is a long-running organic wine growing estate in Sicily's southern Vittoria region that has been given a new lease of life under the fresh ownership of Stefano Girelli since 2016, who also runs nearby organic winery Santa Tresa. Girelli is a big believer in organics, and that 'Sicily is the perfect place to grow organic wines at a high quality level' At Cortese they produce wine in the most traditional and natural way to reflect the true character of the estate's terroir and its grape varieties. Taking tradition as their inspiration, they started to employ ancient wine-making techniques such as fermentation in terracotta. The resulting wines reflect the combination of modern technology and traditional techniques, with every nuance of the terroir showing through.
Closure Type	Cork