

## Colomba Bianca 'Vitese', Sicily, Syrah 2019



An abundance of ripe plum and Morello cherry, complemented by subtle hints of black pepper, very moreish.

### Producer Note

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Established in 1970, Colomba Bianca is the largest Sicilian grower cooperative and the biggest Italian producer of organic wine, with more than 1,800 hectares dedicated to organically farmed vines. Colomba Bianca also has a further 7,500 hectares of vineyard, growing indigenous and international varieties. Despite their size, they engage a philosophy of micro-viticulture and micro-winemaking to ensure the ultimate precision, quality and expression of terroir. The stunning range of single variety and innovative blends are tailor made under the watchful eye of head winemaker Mattia Filippi. Dynamic and passionate, the Cantine is constantly evolving with investments in the vineyards and in the technology of their five specialist wineries. With their sights firmly fixed on the future of Sicilian wine, Colomba Bianca is rapidly becoming one of the leading names in organic winemaking in Italy.

### Vineyard

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The highest standards are attained in these sun-drenched vineyards, through the use of innovative technology and the careful process of mapping the terroir according to the weather patterns, harvesting time, soils and vine age. The vineyard sits at an altitude of 300 metres above sea level. The Syrah vines are planted at a density of 4,000 vines per hectare, are trained on a trellis and are pruned according to the Guyot method. The grapes undergo a sensory analysis and are hand harvested at the optimum maturity levels, according to the terroir and microclimate of the vineyard.

### Winemaking

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The harvest took place by hand and the grapes were delicately destemmed. The grapes were macerated at low temperatures on the skins to extract colour and soft tannins. Fermented in stainless steel at controlled temperatures the wine then went through malolactic conversion. The wine was aged in stainless steel for eight months in order to preserve the purity of fruit.

### Tasting Note

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Abundant notes of ripe red berried fruits and blackberries are complemented by delicate violet aromas. Structured and full bodied with supple tannins, the enveloping and penetrating red berry flavours continue through to the long, aromatic finish.

### Grape

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Syrah 100%



Winemaker:	Francesco Asaro
Region:	Sicily
Sub region:	Terre Siciliane
Country:	Italy
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	7.5
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	Yes/No
Product Code:	5293419A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Nomacorc