

## CARRICANTE TERRE SICILIANE indicazione geografica protetta



The name Carricante comes from the Sicilian dialect "**u carricanti**" which means "heavily laden" and refers to the high volume of grapes that this vine produces, if not strictly controlled. **Carricante is mostly grown** 

on the slopes of Mount Etna, where it has enjoyed a renaissance in recent years. It flourishes particularly well at altitude, and is now being grown in other high areas too. Carricante expresses a wonderful acidity and distinct minerality.

## GRAPES

Our Carricante is cultivated at about 400 metres above sea level. As it is so prolific, it is essential to focus a lot of attention on training the vines – which we do using the Guillot method. Strict pruning is also absolutely key in order to limit production.

Grapes are hand-picked in the early part of September.

## VINIFI(ATION

The vinification of Carricante is carried out on the **principle of minimum** intervention in order to achieve maximum quality in the finished wine. Grapes are de-stemmed and very softly pressed with a pneumatic press. The must is decanted at low temperature for about 48 hours before staring the fermentation, which is carried out at 17-19C° for about 20 days. When the fermentation is finished the wine is racked and kept on fine lees for at least 5 months.

## TASTING NOTES

Our Carricante is a pale straw yellow, with some hints of green. The elegant bouquet is a combination of peach, apple, citrus fruits and blossom. The palate has a big structure, with excellent acidity, minerality and sapidity and these characteristics give Carricante a particularly long finish.