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with Sante DeLuca

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM - 7:30PM

Please join us Wednesday, September 15th when we welcome Sante DeLuca of Vinity Wine Company to walk us through a stellar line up of wines from Graci, Mount Etna.

Sicily is a land of incredible diversity. While there are 23 Denominazioni di Origine (DOC), and one DOCG, it can be divided broadly into four geographical regions. Sicilia DOC is the land of many indigenous and international grape varieties of Sicily, but Nero d'Avola is the most widely planted grape grown and known for the ripe and fruity wines made from it.

Cerasuolo di Vittoria is the only DOCG in Sicily, and the red wines of that region are blends comprised of 50%-70% Nero d'Avola blended with Frappato. Marsala is a DOC best known for fortified wines made from the indigenous white grapes Grillo, Inzolia and Catarratto.

Possibly the most ethereal and sublime wines come from the Etna DOC. Etna is a live volcano that looms over Catania on the eastern shore. The mountain's unique wines earned DOC recognition in 1968. Producers now seek DOCG status, but they've yet to receive it. Nerello Mascalese is the top grape in Mount Etna, and the red wines are blended with another indigenous grape variety, Nerello Cappuccio.

Graci's main property in the northeast part of Etna, in Passopisciaro, with an altitude between 600 and 1000 meters above sea level where the soils are volcanic soils, the old vines are ungrafted, and the viticulture dates back several thousands of years. Etna enjoys the warm sun of Sicily, but the climate is moderated by altitude.

Alberto Aiello Graci was a young and successful banker in Milan. He returned home to oversee his family's estate after his grandfather passed away. The land that his grandfather owned was producing grapes that were sold to cooperatives. Alberto sold that land and invested in very old, but top-class sites. The Contrada Arcuria is one of the largest vineyards in the region, not only responsible for one of their top Cru's, but also grows the white grapes of Carricante and Catarratto. A few years ago, Alberto purchased the famous Contrada Feudo di Mezza with its 80-year-old wild vineyard. We will show these two special Cru's alongside Graci's white, rosé and Etna Rosso.

**The featured flight wines will be served as two-ounce pours and 5-ounce glasses.**

**The cost of the flight will be \$30 per person or \$27 for Wine Club Members and will include the following wines:**

- **2020 Graci Etna Rosado, Mount Etna IGT, Sicily, Italy**  
Retail: \$23.00, \$8.25/glass
- **2019 Graci Etna Bianco, Mount Etna IGT, Sicily, Italy**  
Retail: \$29.00, \$9.25/glass
- **2018 Graci Etna Rosso, Mount Etna IGT, Sicily**  
Retail: \$30.00, \$9.75/glass
- **2018 Graci Etna Rosso, Acuria, Mount Etna IGT, Sicily**  
Retail: \$58.50, \$15.00/glass
- **2018 Graci Etna Rosso, Feudo di Mezzo, Mount Etna IGT, Sicily, Italy**  
Retail: \$66.00, \$19.00/glass

**ALL WINES SERVED ON PRODUCER FLIGHT NIGHT  
WILL BE ON SALE FOR THAT NIGHT ONLY AT A 15% DISCOUNT  
TO THOSE WHO PURCHASE A FLIGHT.**

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