

# VILLA DORA LA CRYMA CHRISTI ROSSO 'GELSONERO'



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From the La Cryma Christi del Vesuvio DOC in the Campania wine Region of Italy. The vineyard is at 250-300 meters above sea level. Southwest facing. The soil is volcanic. The vines were planted in 1970. 20 days maceration on the skins, controlled low temperature fermentation in stainless steel with selected yeasts. Aged 10 months in tonneaux.

Villa Dora is the passion of Vincenzo Ambrosio, and it is his enthusiasm for this estate and the striking wines grown here that has made the project possible. Villa Dora began commercial wine product in 1997, when Vincenzo refurbished the winery and rejuvenated the estate's 70+ year old vineyards, many of which have survived the 3 latest eruptions of Mt. Vesuvius (1906, 1929 and 1945). Now his equally enthusiastic nephew Vincenzo Orabona is the contact with the estate; bottling the component varieties of Vesuvio like Piedirosso and Caprettone separately was his idea, and a good one. Mount Vesuvius is an active volcano just east of Naples, and the organically farmed vineyards of Villa Dora are on the lower slopes of the volcano, inside the national park that surrounds it.

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