PORTOVINO

I CACCIAGALLI 'SPHAERANERA' ROSSO ROCCAMONFINA

Derived from the Llatin translation for Eight Ball, *palla nera,* the name 'Sphaeranera' offers playful imagery for Pallagrello Nero's pitch black, thick skinned and spherical berry.

Mario Bosco and Diana Ionnocone's top red wine, comprising 100% Pallagrello Nero and highlighting the storied local variety that was a favorite among aristocracy of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (even planted in the royal vineyard of the Bourbon Palace in Caserta during the late 18th century!). After disappearing entirely during the 20th century, Pallagrello Nero was rediscovered in the 90s and has been re-established in the years since principally by growers in the Caserta province, the grape's native home.

In the glass, wild blackberry and plum pop in equal measure to bay leaf and mushroom. fine tannins, perfect steep of black teaalong a refreshing throughline of acidity.

REGION: Campania **GROWING AREA:** Roccamonfina
FARMING: Certified biodynamic by AgriBio-dinamica # IT BIO 002
VINEYARD: 0.8 Ha in Località Cacciagalli. **ALTITUDE:** 200 m / 656 ft
SOILS: 70% volcanic tuff; 30% loamy-clay
VARIETIES: 100% Pallagrello Nero
VINE AGE: 15 years old **VINE TRAINING:** guyot
HARVEST DATE: First week of October
YEASTS: Native **FERMENTATION & ÉLEVAGE**: 7 to 8 months and 8 months élevage in *terracotta* amphorae
SULPHUR: 20 mg/L total SO2 added, two weeks before bottling
ALCOHOL: 13%
ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 250 cases