

# Cenatiempo | Biancolella

## Ischia DOC



**The Story:** Cenatiempo, founded in 1945, is a very small winery located on Isola d'Ischia, which is about a 45 minute ferry ride out of Porto di Massa in Naples. Pasquale and Frederica Cenatiempo work 14 vineyards totaling 4ha in 5 communes: Ischia, Forio, Laccoameno, Serrara, and Barano. Ischia has a long history in winemaking: The island received its first DOC in 1966, just three years after the classification system was introduced in Italy. The first DOC was based on blends of grapes, which was the common practice on the island. DOCs for single-varietal wines were established in 1993. Pasquale works with many grapes that are not commonly known such as Biancolella. Cenatiempo wines are truly distinctive examples of their varietals and the island from whence they came.

**Vineyard:** From the communes of Serrara Fontana, Ischia, Forio, and Barano with elevations ranging from 50-300 masl and diverse exposures. Vines are guyot trained and all grapes are hand harvested from mid-September to late October.

**Vinification:** Grapes are soft pressed, fermented in white concrete vats under temperature control using indigenous yeasts, with minimal use of sulphites and minimal intervention.

**Ageing:** Aged 2 months on the lees in both tank and concrete followed by 1 month aged in bottle in the cellar prior to release.

**Everything else you want to know about this wine:** The Cenatiempo Vini d'Ischia company was founded in the first half of the last century with a small cellar on the port of Ischia where Francesco Cenatiempo bottled bulk wine. In the immediate post-war period with the growing economic boom, the need to produce their own wine also arose on the island of Ischia. They began to buy grapes from small island farmers and transform it. Upon the death of Pasquale's father, Pasquale increased and modernized production while keeping the legacy of the values of the past firmly rooted and, at the same time, with a look to the future.

*Le Storie*  
Wines

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Biancolella
<b>Region:</b>	Campania, IT
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Pasquale Cenatiempo
<b>Vines Age:</b>	20 -100 years
<b>Production:</b>	Small
<b>Farming:</b>	Working Biodynamic
<b>Soil:</b>	Volcanic