**Winebow Imports Welcomes Cantine Nicosia to Portfolio**

**Richmond, VA – June 14, 2022** – Winebow Imports is delighted to welcome Sicily’s Cantine Nicosia to its portfolio, becoming the winery’s exclusive import representative in the U.S.

Family owned and operated, Cantina Nicosia was founded in 1898, and is currently under the leadership of the fifth generation. It was one of the original wineries to settle on Mount Etna, which over the years has attracted considerable investment from producers in other parts of Sicily, as well as throughout Italy.

“Etna has become one of the most exciting, talked-about appellations in all of Italy, rivaling the likes of Montalcino and the Langhe. Today there are more than 100 producers making wines on one of the active largest volcanoes in the world,” said Ian Downey, Executive Vice President of Winebow Imports. “We are delighted to partner with Cantine Nicosia, which has historical roots in the region and is producing incredibly compelling wines, with an emphasis on sustainable farming and native grape varieties. We look forward to introducing them to our customers.”

Cantine Nicosia currently owns 85 hectares of vineyards on Mount Etna, where they farm all their own grapes. Their state-of-the-art winery in the town of Trecastagni covers more than 20,000 square feet, including an ultra-modern bottling line. Located nearby is the single vineyard of Monte Gorna, which lies at the foot of an extinguished crater on the Etna volcano. The winery also owns 80 hectares in Vittoria, an appellation in southeastern Sicily, where they have been growing grapes for more than 50 years. Sicilian enologist Maria Carella, who has been with the winery since 2008, produces all the company’s wines.

“We look towards the future, without forgetting tradition,” said Graziano Nicosia, who manages the winery along with his brother, Francesco. “Our goal is to promote the best winegrowing areas in Sicily while fully respecting the environment, focusing on the finest native varieties, selecting the best grapes, and lavishing enormous care on work in the cellar. We look forward to starting this new chapter with Winebow Imports and growing our business in the U.S.”

In recent years, Cantine Nicosia has sought out and earned multiple eco-friendly certifications, including ones for organic viticulture, carbon neutrality, and energy efficiency. They are also a member of VIVA, a project developed by the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea to promote sustainable winegrowing.

Winebow Imports will carry the following from Cantine Nicosia:

- **Lenza di Munti** - Etna Rosso (SRP: $25), Etna Bianco (SRP: $25), Etna Rosato (SRP: $25), and Nerello Mascalese Organic (SRP: $17)
- **Contrada Monte Gorna** - Etna Bianco Organic (SRP: $32), Etna Rosso Organic (SRP: $32)
- **Sabbie di Sutta** - Cerasuolo di Vittoria Organic (SRP: $25), Frappato Organic (SRP: $20)
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