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# The Sicilian tailor of lava stones

Rosario Parrinello, Sicilian DOC of Caltagirone, the only producer and founder of Made a Mano manufacture, has been defined in many ways, Master of Art, Poet, Tailor, but still today he defines himself Artisan and guardian of the Caltagirone traditions.

The company Made a Mano of Rosario Parrinello, is the progression of a path, started his work 45 years ago in Caltagirone, a city with 4,000 years of history in ceramics, Unesco heritage and a forge of artists and craftsmen, who over time, have made a unique city famous in the Ceramics.

For everyone, Rosario CEO and AD of Made a Mano, unique creator since 1995 has been working in ceramics for 45 years and 30 years pioneer in enameled lava stone, many times creating unique decorations known for its craftsmanship and modernity, realizes works and unique projects appreciated all over the world, alone or in cooperation with designer and architect.

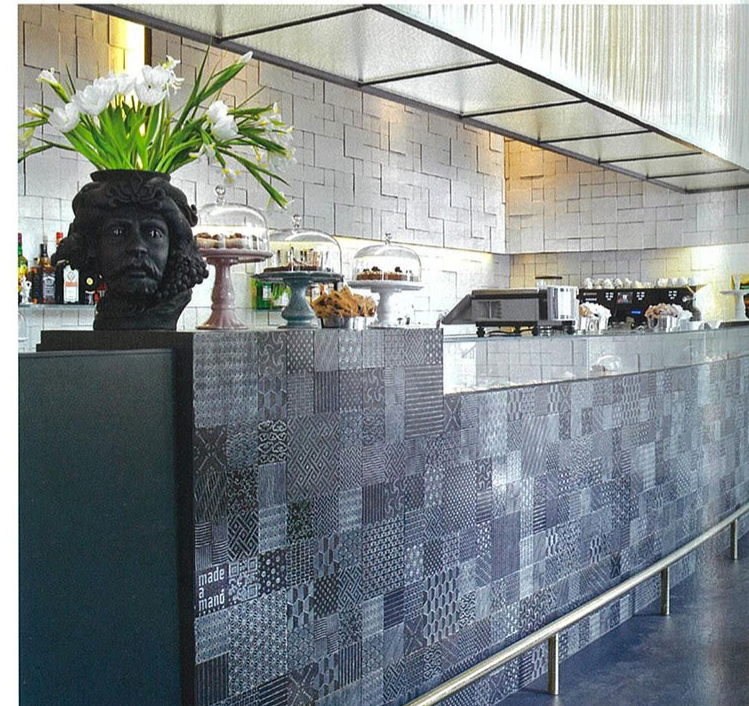
Today Rosario, begins slowly, to pass the baton to the new generation of Parrinello's the sons Nico, Fausto and Alessandro, creating the Parrinello Group "a Family Company" that will have the commitment to follow the artisan traditions of the state of the art, while using the new robots for the processing of Etna's lava stone, coming from Etna Volcano located a few kilometers from the production and processing plant. In fact, from the choice of the blocks selected in the quarry, to the cut with diamond wire, to finish in slabs to cut to size, all the steps are checked and made with in-house

experience, once the sawed slabs arrive in to the factory, all process shaping, décor, coloring, glaze and kiln at 1.000° are made it in the house.

The most important moment for Rosario is the previous discussion with the client, the final step is instruct and transfer, all acquired information, drawing manual or digital to the laboratories.

Today, in addition to other classic stone processing machines, a latest-generation "robot" can be used directly from our design office, in real time combined with the operator and is able to work lava stone slabs in various shape sizes and thicknesses. To complete, the workmanship of enameling and decoration, that remain the key to success, the brushes, where the humans, the craftsman and his experience can never be replaced. The personalized kilns and the alchemy of temperatures represent another mystery of his final success.

The final products shown in the catalog, their colors, the refined and used minimalism, are a reference to the aesthetic and refined tradition, from the "lapis" birth of enamelled ceramics to today, with influences of Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, antecedent civilizations that have many times dominated Caltagirone and





left a trace of their permanence in the patterns.  
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 From this, Madeamano®™ products© can range from the kitchen tops to the table, to floor or cladding to a monumental art. This year 2018 we open a few important cooperation, MINACCILO Cucine in the creation of NATURAL SKIN with lava stone tops with enamelled copper elements, COIN CASA in Italy with furniture items, MOVENPICK in Dubai with few important wall cladding, FLAMINGO ROOM by TASHAS in Dubai with his pink tables, HARVEY NICHOLS in Doha with his cladding wall, FICo in Bologna an EATALY in various part of the world for wall cladding, the restoration of ex GOLD by D&G in Milan and furthermore private villas swimming pool and tables and restaurant for resort in Maldives, in London the South Kensington Club with Monumental work and tiles applied inside and in the swimming pool with salt water, and to complete this year, our last work is a new Cruise ship, which will work during all year from the Bahamas to the Mediterranean.



Rosario and its family companies are based in Caltagirone, are proud to say they don't have a partner and no factories or laboratories outside the Sicilian territory. The clay from Sicily and the Etna lava stone, (soon be LEED certified) are in compliance with international standards, all our raw materials, the colors and all products used in enameling, are in the respect of human health and the planet, in which we live, and of the Mother Earth that hosts us.  
 Today Rosario Parrinello can declare without being contradicted, that Made a Mano with its staff of specialists has become a reference point for world design. Present in several showrooms in the most important cities of the world, with constant presence in events, exhibitions and trade fairs, but above all to keep pace with the times, always accepting new proposals which can arrive from all over the world.

**made a mano**  
*Rosario Parrinello*

