

## Lighea 2021



**Pantelleria estate:** *Where the alberello is a Unesco - Intangible Cultural Heritage*

**An unforgettable aromatic Mediterranean, the fruit of the heroic viticulture, Lighea 2021 is characterized by an ample bouquet and a fresh mineral vein.**

**PRODUCTION ZONE:** grapes produced on the island of Pantelleria (South-western Sicily); Khamma, Mulini, Mueggen, Ghirlanda, Serraglia, Gibbiuna, Barone, Bukkuram, Favarotta, Monastero

**DENOMINATION:** Sicilia Doc Zibibbo

**GRAPES:** Zibibbo (Muscat of Alexandria)

**TERRAINS & CLIMATE:** altitude from 20 to 400 m a.m.s.l.; Orography: complex, typically volcanic, with terrains mainly cultivated on terraces. Soils: sandy, originating from lava, sub-acid or neutral reaction; deep and fertile, well-endowed with minerals. Mild, dry winters. Windy summers.

**VINEYARD:** the vines are cultivated, in hollows, low alberello pantesco. The training method "alberello pantesco" has been inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as a "creative and sustainable" practice. Planting density from 2,500 to 3,600 plants/ha with yields of 5-6 tons/ha (2-2.4 tons/acre).

**VINTAGE:** on the island of **Pantelleria**, the 2021 vintage was slightly rainier, recording 342 mm of precipitation compared to the average of 449 mm\*. The conditions, with no adverse climatic events during the flowering and fruit set phases, created the basis for a very good production. A hot August affected the amount of grapes produced which was below average. The quality of the grapes carefully selected and brought to the cellar is excellent. \* *The rainfall recorded from 1 October to 30 September of the following year is taken into account; the average is calculated starting from the 2013 harvest.*

**HARVESTING:** The **Zibibbo** harvest at Donnafugata traditionally continues for about 4 weeks, in the 14 districts where the winery has its vineyards that differ for altitude, exposure, proximity to or distance from the sea; the harvest began on August 16th and ended on September 8th.

**VINIFICATION:** fermentation took place in stainless steel at a temperature of 14-16°C. Aging in tanks for two months and at least three months in bottle before release.

**ANALYSIS DATA:** alcohol 12.64% ABV, total acidity 5.6 g/l, pH 3.26.

**TASTING NOTES (11/02/2022):** Lighea 2021 has a bright straw yellow color with greenish hues. The nose offers a rich and fragrant bouquet where the classic notes of orange blossom are combined with citrus hints (cedar and bergamot) and exotic fruit (lychee). On the palate the fruity and floral notes resurface accompanied by a marked freshness, with good persistence and a pleasant mineral finish.

**AGING POTENTIAL:** to be enjoyed within 4-5 years.

**FOOD & WINE:** recommended with all types of oily fish, baked pasta in white sauce, fried fish. Serve it in tulip-shaped goblets of medium size; uncork at time of serving; excellent at 9-11°C (48-52° F).

**VERSATILE IN CHARACTER COLLECTION:** An intriguing selection from aperitif to the dessert **WHEN YOU DESIRE TO:** Share the pleasure of food, matching different dishes with one wine. Spend time with your friends and intrigue them all, from the curious to the dedicated enthusiast.

**DIALOGUE WITH ART:** "From the disheveled tresses the color of the sun, seawater flowed over the green, wide-open eyes." Thus Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa describes Lighea, the bewitching siren and principal figure in his novel. She has inspired the creation of a complex and innovative wine and an equally original label. "It was not easy to print this label", Gabriella (founder of Donnafugata, with her husband Giacomo) recalled, "and preserve the thousand shadings of colors of the island, painted in the original drawing."

**FIRST VINTAGE:** 1990.