

## Vigna di Gabri 2020



**Mediterranean Elegance collection:** elegant interpretations of the terroir

**Vigna di Gabri 2020, the cru Gabriella Rallo wanted to create, is characterized by an intense bouquet of fruity and floral scents, combined with delicate hints of Mediterranean herbs. A fine and elegant white with a surprising longevity.**

**DENOMINATION:** Sicilia DOC White

**GRAPES:** Ansonica grapes blended with Chardonnay, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc and Catarratto.

**PRODUCTION AREA** South-western Sicily, Contessa Entellina Estate, vineyard called "Vigna di Gabri".

**TERRAINS & CLIMATE:** altitude from 200 to 300 m a.m.s.l. (656- 1,312 ft); hilly orography; clay loam soils with a sub-alkaline reaction (pH 7.5 to 7.9) rich in nutritive elements (potassium, magnesium, calcium, iron, manganese, zinc) and total limestone from 20 to 35%. Mild winters with little rainfall. Warm, dry, ventilated summers. Substantial differences between day and night-time temperatures.

**VINEYARD:** VSP (Vertical Shoot Positioning) training with spurred cordon pruning, leaving 6 to 8 buds per plant. Density 4,500 - 6,000 plants/hectare (1,822-2,429 an acre), with yields of 6 - 7 tons/ha (2.4 – 2.8 tons an acre).

**VINTAGE:** at **Contessa Entellina** in the heart of western Sicily, the **2020 vintage** was less precipitous, with 437 mm of rain compared to the average of 647 mm\*. Much of the precipitation was in winter and spring, while the summer was quite dry. The careful management of agronomic practices, from pruning to thinning through to the choice of different harvesting times, ensured that the grapes were healthy and well ripened; compared to the average of the last few years the production was slightly lower and the harvest took place 5-10 days early. The 2020 vintage brought to life white wines of good aromatic intensity and excellent acid structure. \*The precipitation data are collected by SIAS, Sicilian Agrometeorological Service; the rainfall recorded from October 1st to September 30th of the following year is taken into account; the average is calculated starting from the 2003 harvest.

**HARVESTING:** The Chardonnay destined for the making of Vigna di Gabri, was harvested during the first ten days of August, followed by Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier, while Ansonica was harvested in the last ten days meanwhile Lucido (Catarratto) was picked during the first week of September.

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation: in stainless steel, at a temperature of 14-16°C (57-61° F). After the 85% of the wine was aged in cement vats, while 15% was aged, on its noble lees, in second passage French oak barrels for 7 months, then 8 months in bottle before releasing.

**ANALYSIS DATA:** alcohol 13.55 % ABV, total acidity 5.5 g/l., pH: 3.25.

**TASTING NOTES (11/09/2021):** Vigna di Gabri 2020 has a bright straw yellow color with reflections greenish. The bouquet is intense and complex, ranging from fruity hints of citrus and nectarine peaches to floral notes of acacia and pleasant nuances of aromatic herbs. On the palate it is fresh and enveloping with a pleasant savory finish that lengthens its persistence. A fine and elegant white, with an intriguing personality and destined for a surprising longevity.

**AGEING POTENTIAL:** 10-12 years.

**FOOD & WINE:** Seafood pasta, flans, baked fish, try also with roasted porcini mushrooms or delicate meat like escallops with white wine. Serve it in relatively tall, tulip-shaped goblets of medium size and without bellies; uncork at time of serving; excellent at 10-12°C (50-54°F).

**WHEN YOU DESIRE TO:** Live a sophisticated, sensorial experience. Share your passion for elegant wines with great aging potential. Enjoy a moment of pure beauty.

**DIALOGUE WITH ART:** "Vigna di Gabri" is not a fantasy name, because the wine bears the name of Gabriella (founder of DonnaFugata, with her husband Giacomo), who originally wanted to create it and strongly believed in the full-flavored fragrance of Ansonica. The graphics, already renewed on the occasion of the wine's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with the 2017 vintage, pick up and emphasize some elements present in the original illustration by Stefano Vitale: a master-label that tells the link between Gabri and her Cru. The introduction of the Burgundy bottle also wants to enhance the preciousness and elegance of this wine which is one of DonnaFugata's most beloved wines.

**FIRST VINTAGE:** 1987.