# **DONNAFUGATA**®

# Our Portfolio



#### The essence of Donnafugata

Five generations in quality wines Donnafugata was established in **Sicily** by a family that, thanks to its passion, has been able to innovate the style and perception of Sicilian wine throughout the world. Giacomo Rallo, the fourth generation of **a family with over 170 years of experience** in quality wine, founded Donnafugata in 1983 together with his wife Gabriella, a pioneer of viticulture in Sicily. Today José and Antonio, the fifth generation, lead the company and a team of people focused on excellence.

The historic cellars of Marsala, the beating heart of the winery's activities

The Dolce&Gabbana and Donnafugata project The historic cellars in Marsala were built in 1851: they host an **excellent productive reality** whilst preserving the typical Mediterranean "baglio" layout, including a large and charming inner courtyard, dotted with citrus and olive trees. In the enchanting **underground barrique cellar** we age some of the most **iconic wines** of Donnafugata: the cellar is dug into the tuff rock to minimize the energy consumption and to maintain the desired parameters of temperature (15°C) and humidity (85%) for optimal aging in wood.

Attention to detail and love for Sicily are the core values of the collaboration between Dolce&Gabbana and Donnafugata in which creativity and craftsmanship meet. While **Donnafugata** constantly explores new territories to obtain **extraordinary wines**, **Dolce&Gabbana and their creativity** tell and promote these prestigious products thanks **to a unique life-style**. Thus was born a collection of wines, extraordinary **ambassadors** of Sicilian colors, scents, and culture in the world: the alluring rosé *Rosa*, the captivating white *Isolano*, the elegant red *Cuordilava*, and the prestigious red *Tancredi*.



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#### The sustainability

Our commitment to producing while respecting the environment and the human being Sustainability is a value that is part of Donnafugata's DNA. For over **30 years** we have been committed to **producing wines while respecting the environment and humanity**: from good practices in the vineyard to the protection of the biodiversity, from the energy saving to the production of clean energy. In 2021 we strengthened our commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance Sustainability, in line with the objectives of the **UN 2030 Agenda**, by joining the **SOStain Sicily Foundation**, the program of sustainability for the Sicilian viticulture.

#### **Territory and culture**

We have been **committed to promoting the territory** for years, by supporting initiatives such as: Scuola Normale di Pisa, Giuseppe Nenci's Prize and Tomasi di Lampedusa Literary Prize. We also collaborate with FAI - Fondo Ambiente Italiano since 2005, with the common objective of safeguarding and promoting the **Italian landscapes**: a partnership strengthened by the restoration and donation of the **Giardino Pantesco** *Pantellerian garden* which raises among the winery's company's vineyards.



#### **Dialogue with art**

Name, logo and labels: a tribute to literature The story of the name "Donnafugata" originates from the most Sicilian of novels: *II Gattopardo* (The Leopard). It refers to Queen Maria Carolina who, fleeing from Naples, found refuge where the winery's vineyards are located today. A story that also inspired our logo: a woman's face with her hair in the wind. A face, and a story, that is also that of Gabriella Rallo. One of the first women in Sicily to produce wine in a sector typically dominated by men: a pioneer of highquality women viticulture.

Gabriella is also the source of inspiration for the labels designed for Donnafugata by **Stefano Vitale**. A harmonious understanding the one among Gabriella and Stefano that began in 1992 and has lasted for over 30 years. The artist manages to capture the personality of each wine and evoke the colors and the land of Sicily: an indissoluble part of the essence of Donnafugata.



### The territories of Donnafugata

5 estates, a great journey

Cellars where the vinification and ageing process take place

1206 Acres of vineyards

36 Districts

10 Indigenous varieties in production



Sicily is a **wine-making region** with over a thousand years of history, and it boasts over 70 indigenous grape varieties and a multitude of extraordinary climates.

Donnafugata's **vineyards are cultivated in very different contexts**, promoting the potential of the island: From the estates overlooking the sea to those in the hilly and mountainous areas.

In our vineyards, we focus on these diversities by finding the best combination between terroir and grape varieties: from the **Contessa Entellina** estate in Western Sicily and the volcanic island of **Pantelleria**, up to the Eastern side of **Vittoria (Acate)** and **Etna**, the highest active volcano in Europe.

Since 2009, we have been committed to **safeguarding and promoting Sicilian biodiversity** through 3 experimental vineyards where we cultivate some indigenous grape varieties, and relics grape varieties from the past almost extinct.

#### Contessa Entellina Estate

#### Where Donnafugata was born

We are in the heart of **western Sicily** where the vineyards are part of the landscape; the climate is Mediterranean, with sharp temperature differences between day and night. We cultivate indigenous and international grapes aimed at enhancing the peculiarities of the different districts and to **produce wines with a strong personality**.

- Loamy-clayey soils
- › Cellar: Duchessa District





Anthìlia Sicilia Doc Lucido (Catarratto) in blend with other grapes

**SurSur** *Sicilia Doc Grillo* Grillo

848 Acres in production

19 Grape varieties 10 Districts

32 Acres of olive groves



Sedàra Sicilia Doc Nero d'Avola in blend with other grapes



**Sherazade** Sicilia Doc Nero d'Avola Nero d'Avola



Mille e una Notte Sicilia Doc Nero d'Avola, Petit Verdot, Syrah, and other grapes

Donnafugata and Dolce&Gabbana



**Tancredi** *Terre Siciliane Igt* Cabernet Sauvignon, Nero d'Avola, Tannat and other grapes



Rosa Sicilia Doc Rosato Nerello Mascalese, Nocera

## Pantelleria Estate

## Where the "alberello" vine is UNESCO World Heritage

We fell in love with the **extreme nature** of Pantelleria, a volcanic island between Sicily and Africa, where we started a project of **heroic viticulture**. In Pantelleria the vines are cultivated with the "alberello pantesco" (low-bush vine of Pantelleria), on small terraces, bordered by dry lava stone walls.

- > Sandy soils of volcanic origin
- › Cellar: Khamma District





Lighca Sicilia Doc Zibibbo Zibibbo (Moscato d'Alessandria)

Ben Ryé Passito di Pantelleria Doc Zibibbo (Moscato d'Alessandria)





#### Etna Estate

# On the highest active volcano in Europe

In Eastern Sicily, we cultivate our vineyards on the **northern slope of Etna**, where the soil shows its infinite power. Here the **elegance of volcanic wines** tells the story of mountain viticulture characterized by a continental climate, terraces and dry lava stone walls.

- > Sandy soils of volcanic origin
- › Cellar: Randazzo District



**Sul Vulcano** *Etna Bianco Doc* Carricante



Sul Vulcano Etna Rosso Doc Nerello Mascalese and a small percentage of Nerello Cappuccio



**Fragore** Etna Rosso Doc Contrada Montelaguardia Nerello Mascalese

Donnafugata and Dolce&Gabbana



**Isolano** *Etna Bianco Doc* Carricante



**Cuordilava** *Etna Rosso Doc* Nerello Mascalese

86<br/>Acres<br/>in production7<br/>Districts37<br/>Grape varieties

of olive groves

## Vittoria Estate

## Between the Ibleo plateau and the sea

In southeastern Sicily, we have chosen an area suited for **producing smooth red wines with a floral soul**, unusual wines capable of innovating the way red wine is enjoyed. It is the Vittoria area, the land of a historic and prestigious denomination that includes the first DOCG in Sicily: **Cerasuolo di Vittoria**.

- Mostly sandy soils
- Cellar: Acate





**Bell'Assai** Vittoria Doc Frappato Frappato

Floramundi Cerasuolo di Vittoria Docg Nero d'Avola Frappato





## Visit Donnafugata

We are waiting for you in our family wineries, in the most beautiful corners of Sicily

#### **Historic cellar**

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Vineyards and Cellars Contessa Entellina, Etna, Marsala, Pantelleria,

Vittoria

info@donnafugata.it www.donnafugata.it visit.donnafugata.it @donnafugatawine At Donnafugata there is an idea of hospitality that interprets the **warmth of the most authentic Sicilian culture**, the one that makes the guests feel at home. Our philosophy is simple: make our clients live a unique experience, proposing **sensorial journeys** that unite wines from small prestigious productions and gastronomic specialties from the Sicilian territory.

In a setting of charm and relax, we will guide you to **discover the wines of Sicily,** the different terroirs and their extraordinary potential.

A unique experience that can be enjoyed **all year round** at the historic cellars of Marsala, in the Etna (Randazzo) and Vittoria (Acate) estates. Starting from **spring** the door will be also open in Contessa Entellina, and from **summer** in Pantelleria.

Don't miss the **two annual events**: Cantine Aperte ("Open Cellars"), on the last Sunday of May, and Calici di Stelle ("Goblets of Stars"), on the 10th of August.



