

## Prio 2021



**The Contessa Entellina estate:** Where Donnafugata began

**An autochthonous single variety with marked scents of citrus, Prio 2021 is an intense and fragrant white that brings joy at first sip.**

**PRODUCTION ZONE:** south-west Sicily, Contessa Entellina estate and neighboring areas.

**DENOMINATION:** Sicilia Doc Lucido.

**GRAPES:** Lucido (synonym for Catarratto).

**TERRAINS AND CLIMATE:** altitude from 200 to 600 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 10 buds per plant. Density 4,500 - 6,000 plants/hectare (1,822-2,429 an acre), with yields of 7.5 - 8.5 tons/ha (3.0 - 3.4 tons/acre).

**VINTAGE:** at Contessa Entellina 615 mm of rain were recorded in the 2021 vintage, a figure slightly below the average\* of 645 mm of this area: rainfall was concentrated in winter, particularly in February and March, while spring was dry; in this season the delicate phases of flowering and fruit set took regularly place. At the end of June there was a peak of heat which slowed down the vegetative phase of the plants, which was later compensated by lower temperatures in July. A further heat wave in the first two weeks of August accelerated ripening. The entire vegetative-production cycle was accompanied by intense and careful work in the vineyard and thus ended regularly. The quantity of grapes produced is slightly higher than in 2020 which - it must be remembered - was below the average. The quality is fully in line with the company objectives, oriented towards quality productions. \*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 Lucido (Catarratto) destined to Prio was harvested between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September.

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation: in stainless steel, at a temperature of 14-16°C (57-61° F). Aging in tanks for two months and then at least three months in bottle before release.

**ANALYSIS DATA:** alcohol 12.23 % vol ABV, total acidity 5.40 g/l, pH 3.26.

**TASTING NOTES (24/01/2022):** Prio 2021 has a brilliant straw yellow color. The nose offers a fragrant bouquet with marked citrus scents of grapefruit and citron combined with flowery notes of elderflower. The palate is fresh and perfectly reflects the nose.

**AGING POTENTIAL:** to be enjoyed within 3 years.

**FOOD & WINE:** it goes well with hot and cold seafood appetizers, crustaceans and vegetable-based pastas. Serve it in tulip-shaped glasses of medium size and height, it can be uncorked at time of serving, excellent at 9-11°C (48-52° F).

**FRESH AND ORIGINAL COLLECTION:** Pleasant wines with Sicilian soul. **WHEN YOU DESIRE TO:** Brighten your day in a pleasant and original way. Spoil yourself with a daily dose of luxury. Share a discovery with friends.

**IALOGUE WITH ART:** Joy, happiness, this is the meaning of *prio* in Sicilian dialect. It is the unexpected and authentic joy of a woman, sitting on a beach at sunset on a day in early summer, sweetly kissed by a butterfly that lands on her face. A lively and sensual label like the Lucido signed Donnafugata.

**FIRST VINTAGE:** 2014