



DONNAFUGATA

PRESS RELEASE

## *“Calici di Stelle” 2007 at Donnafugata*

### **Tours and guided tastings on the starry night of San Lorenzo**

As usual, August 10 is the date for the “Calici di Stelle” (“Goblets of Stars”), an event held in the splendid setting of the **Donnafugata Estate (at the 60 kilometer stone on the Palermo-Sciacca limited-access Highway 624)**.

This program, a nationwide event organized by the Wine Tourism Movement and now in its **6<sup>th</sup> edition at Donnafugata**, has become one eagerly awaited by lovers of fine wine.

It will be an important event for the estate staff, too, who during the evening will be able to meet and talk with the numerous and knowledgeable **wine lovers arriving from all over Italy and abroad**. Last year about a thousand people attended the most glamorous wine event in Sicily.

The **“La Fuga” Chardonnay vineyards**, lit up for the occasion, will be the setting for the first leg of the guided tour, where the technical staff will illustrate how vineyards are tended and the vines are grown and pruned. As they walk through the vineyard, visitors may even taste some grapes from this premium vines.

The tour then continues to the estate’s **vinification cellar** where technology and innovation are mixed with systems to protect and defend the territory, values always espoused at Donnafugata, which manages to cover more than 30% of the cellar’s energy needs with a photovoltaic installation inaugurated in 2001.

Afterward visitors can watch an extremely brief **film**, “Donnafugata on Pantelleria,” the island of Ben Ryé, to learn about this Sicilian winery’s commitment, values and important endeavors.

The height of the evening and the moment wine lovers look forward to most will be the **tasting** of a special selection of Donnafugata wines, including some authentic gems: Sherazade 2006, a new red made from Nero d’Avola and Syrah, Chiarandà del Merlo 2000, Mille e una Notte 1998. And of course, the sweetest are sampled last, Ben Ryé Passito di Pantelleria.

Guests are expected **between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.** Admission is **5 euros for the tasting plus a 5-euro deposit for use of a goblet. Reservations are necessary**; call the toll-free number 800 252321 or e-mail [info@donnafugata.it](mailto:info@donnafugata.it)

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<b>When:</b>	<b>Friday, August 10, 2007 - from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<i>Calici di Stelle</i> (Goblet of Stars) the traditional Italian Wine Tourism Movement event to celebrate Bacchus and toast the falling stars on the Night of San Lorenzo. Info: <a href="http://www.movimentoturismovino.it">www.movimentoturismovino.it</a> .
<b>How to get to Donnafugata:</b>	<p>Donnafugata lies precisely at <b>kilometer 60 on the road S.S. 624 from Palermo to Sciacca</b>. Note: coming <b>from Palermo</b>, you will first see the winery on your left and just ahead on your right you will take the overpass to get to Donnafugata. Coming <b>from Sciacca</b>, the winery will be on your right, proceed about 800 meters, on your right take exit “C.da Cavallaro”, proceed under the road and turn left going back towards Sciacca. Proceed 800 metres, take right and follow the overpass to the estate.</p> <p><b>From Mazara del Vallo</b> take the highway A29 towards Palermo: after 20 kilometres exit at Castelvetro and follow signs for Menfi and Sciacca; after 25 kilometres exit at Menfi and follow the signs first for Sambuca di Sicilia and then for the road S.S. 624 Palermo-Sciacca; at the rotary called “Misilbesi”, take the road S.S. 624 in direction towards Palermo and continue for about 12 kilometres until kilometer marker n° 60.</p> <p>Donnafugata estate is in Contessa Entellina community, but DO NOT follow the signs for Contessa Entellina; stay on road S.S. 624 Palermo-Sciacca (see “How to get to Donnafugata”).</p>
<b>The evening's features:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A visit to one of Sicily's most beautiful and best-tended vineyards by moonlight.</li> <li>2) Guided tour of the vinification cellar and photovoltaic installation for solar energy, a renewable and non-polluting power source.</li> <li>3) Video of grape harvesting and wine making at the Donnafugata estates in Contessa Entellina and on Pantelleria (duration: about 10 minutes).</li> <li>4) There will be a special selection of Donnafugata wines for tasting during the evening.</li> </ol>
<b>Price:</b>	The price of the tasting is <b>€ 5 to be paid at the entrance</b> . In addition we ask that you leave a <b>€ 5 security deposit</b> for the wine glass, which will be given back when the wine glass is returned.
<b>Wine sales:</b>	Yes.
<b>Info-line:</b>	Would you like more information on the event, how to get to it or anything else? Call us on the phone: (+39) 0923 724245 or 0923 724263 or 0923 724216.
<b>If you get lost</b>	On August 10, 2007 (and that day only) you can get information on how to get to Donnafugata by calling this mobile phone number: (+39) 338 771 8805 anytime during the day or evening.
<b>Reservations:</b>	<b>Reservations required</b> at the phone number +39 0923 724245 or via e-mail a <a href="mailto:info@donnafugata.it">info@donnafugata.it</a> . Just give a last name and the number of people in your group.
<b>Where to stay? Here are some hotels and farm holiday accommodations in the area</b>	<p>at <b>Contessa Entellina (PA)</b>: Abbazia di Santa Maria del Bosco - C.da S. Maria del Bosco - Tel. +39 091 8351301 <a href="http://www.santamariadelbosco.it">www.santamariadelbosco.it</a>;</p> <p>at <b>Sambuca di Sicilia (AG)</b>: Don Giovanni Hotel - Contrada Pandolfina - Tel. 0925 944001 - <a href="http://www.dongiovannihotel.it">www.dongiovannihotel.it</a>; Azienda Agricola "Massaria Ruvettu" - C.da Cicala - Tel. +39 0925 946059 <a href="mailto:massariaruvetto@libero.it">massariaruvetto@libero.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Sciacca (AG)</b>: Grand Hotel delle Terme (4 stelle) - Viale delle Nuove Terme, 1 - Tel. +39 0925 23133 <a href="http://www.grandhoteldelleterme.com">www.grandhoteldelleterme.com</a>.</p> <p>at <b>Menfi (AG)</b>: Tenuta Stoccatello (agriturismo) - Km 6 S.P. Menfi-Partanna - mobile +39 333 9035428 <a href="http://www.tenutastoccatello.it">www.tenutastoccatello.it</a> ; Azienda Agriturstica "Baglio San Vincenzo" - C.da San Vincenzo - Cell. 339 242 6103 <a href="http://www.bagliosanvincenzo.it">www.bagliosanvincenzo.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Selinunte Castelvetro (TP)</b>: Hotel Paradise Beach - C.da Belice Mare - Tel. +39 0924 46333 Fax +39 0924 46477, <a href="http://www.hotelparadisebeach.it">www.hotelparadisebeach.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Mazara del Vallo (TP)</b>: Kempinski Giardino di Costanza Resort (5 stelle) - Via Salemi km 7,1 - tel. +39 0923 675 000 fax +39 0923 675 876 <a href="http://www.kempinski-sicily.com">www.kempinski-sicily.com</a>;</p>
<b>Where to eat? Here are some trattorias and restaurants in the area (reservations required)</b>	<p>At <b>Marinella di Selinunte</b>: (Castelvetro): Lido Ristorante La Pineta - Tel. +39 0924 46820;</p> <p>at <b>Menfi</b>: Ristorante da Vittorio Via Friuli Venezia Giulia 9 - Tel. +39 0925 78381; Ristorante Il Vigneto - Via Porto Palo - Tel. +39 0925 71732;</p> <p>at <b>Sambuca di Sicilia</b>: Ristorante Al Mulino di Adragna - C/da Adragna - tel. +39 0925 942477; Ristorante La Panoramica - C.da Adragna - Tel. +39 0925 943430;</p> <p>at <b>S. Margherita Belice</b>: Ristorante Opuntia - C.da Luni - mobile +39 339 2717380;</p> <p>at <b>Sciacca</b>: Ristorante Le Gourmet - Via Monte Kronio 7 - Tel. +39 0925 26460; Ristorante Porto S. Paolo - Largo S. Paolo 7 - Tel. +39 0925 27982; Ristorante La Lampara - Vicolo Grande Il Caricatore 33 - Tel. +39 0925 85085; Hostaria del Vicolo - Vicolo Sammaritano 10 - Tel. +39 0925 23071.</p>
<b>Websites on Sicily:</b>	<a href="http://www.siciliano.it">The Sicilian research engine: www.siciliano.it</a> ; Sicily Region: <a href="http://www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo">www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo</a> ; Vacations in 20Sicily: <a href="http://www.amicasicilia.com">www.amicasicilia.com</a> ; Palermo Province Tourism Board: <a href="http://www.aapit.pa.it">www.aapit.pa.it</a> <a href="http://www.aapit.pa.it">www.aapit.pa.it</a>