

PRESS RELEASE

CIAO GIACOMO



Marsala - 10 May 2016 - **Giacomo Rallo**, founder of the **Donnafugata** winery and leading figure of Italian quality wine, passed away suddenly this morning.

Born in Marsala in 1937, after obtaining a law degree, he joined the family business. In 1983 he founded with his wife **Gabriella Anca**, Donnafugata, continuing a wine story five generations long. Author of the renewal process of Sicilian wine, he acted as mouthpiece of the need for a new and higher level of cohesion of the island's production system, promoting qualitative value as well as cultural value and image. A commitment that will see him protagonist in **Unione Italiana Vini**, **Federvini** and in the birth of **Assovini Sicilia**. In 2006 he was appointed Cavaliere del lavoro.

At 15 today - in the Historic Cellars in Marsala (Via S. Lipari, 18) - the funeral chamber will be open. The funeral rites will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 16, in the Chiesa Madre in the town of Marsala. Lots of messages of condolence and friendship are reaching the Rallo family at this time, remembering, the passion and commitment, but also the irony and the value of a smile.

His wife **Gabriella** and their children **Josè** and **Antonio**, thank those among members of the staff and friends, who have wanted to express their closeness and affection, dispensing with visits.

Attached:
a biography of Giacomo Rallo
a selection of photos

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