The Contessa Entellina Estate

Prio 2022

Sicilia Doc Lucido

An autochthonous single variety with marked scents of citrus, Prio 2022 is an intense and fragrant white that brings joy at first sip.



PRODUCTION AREA

South-west Sicily, Contessa Entellina estate and neighboring areas.

GRAPES

Lucido (synonym for Catarratto).

SOILS AND CLIMATE

Altitude from 200 to 400 meters a.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

Thanks to favorable climatic conditions, the 2022 vintage produced excellent results. A total of 1,016 mm of rain has been recorded, compared to an average* of 665 mm. Rains were concentrated in autumn and spring (between the end of April and the first ten days of May), providing soils with an important water reserve supplemented by emergency irrigation in some vineyards. Among the 1,016 mm of rainfall recorded, 150 mm fell during the last week of September, after the end of harvest. Generally speaking, temperatures were in line with last year's average; only in June did temperatures peak slowing down the vegetative phase, which later resumed regularly as temperatures returned to their seasonal average. Compared to 2021, there was a slight decrease in production; however, the quality of the 2022 vintage is very

* 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.

HARVEST

Lucido (Catarratto) grapes destined to Prio were harvested between the end of August and first half of September.

WINEMAKING AND AGING

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

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TASTING NOTES

Prio 2022 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. (January 16th, 2023)

AGING POTENTIAL

To be enjoyed within 3 years.

ARTISTIC LABELS

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.

FOOD PAIRING

It goes well with hot and cold seafood appetizers, crustaceans and fried vegetables. 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).

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol 12.79% vol ABV, total acidity 5.40 g/l, pH 3.26.

FIRST VINTAGE

2014.