

# Donnafugata Winery



Donnafugata Winery is one of Italy's finest wineries and praised by wine critics and wine lovers alike all over the globe. Located in Sicily, Donnafugata has various estates including the historic cellar in Marsala, the beautiful Contessa Entellina country house and vineyards in the western interior of the island, and another winery and estate in the windswept island of Pantelleria off Sicily's southwest coast. The Rallo family who own Donnafugata have been in the wine business for over a century and the current generation are extremely dynamic and visionary.

Donnafugata is known for its exceptional wide range of wines, made with native varietals such as Ansonica (also known as Inzolia), Catarratto, Zibbibo and Nero d'Avola as well as international varietals like Viognier. While we love all of their wines, we must admit we have a few personal favorites, which include the exquisite "Ben Ryé" (their famed Passito from far flung Pantelleria), the silky "Polena" made with Catarratto and Viognier, and the velvety "Mille e una Notte" (dominated by the native Nero d'Avola grape).

Wines	
Anthilia	Made with half and half Ansonica and Catarratto, aged in bottle 2 months before released to market, 12.5-13% alc
Polena	Catarratto and Viognier blend, 14% alc, 3 months fining in bottle, first vintage was in 2006
Lighea	Blend of Zibibbo (vinified in Pantelleria) and Ansonica and Catarratto, 12.5-13%. Lighea was the bewitching siren in Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel
La Fuga	100% Chardonnay, aged in tanks for several months and in bottle at least 3 months before release, 13-13.5% alc. Grapes harvested at night.
Vigna di Gabri	100% Ansonica, 13-13.5%, 90% wine aged in stainless steel and 10% in French oak barriques, bottle aged min 3 months before release. One of Sicily's first high end single varietal Ansonicas.
Chiarandà	50% Chardonna, 50% Ansonica, 13.5-14% alc, from two single vineyards. With this wine, Donnafugata joined the Wine For Life initiative to help battle Aids in Africa <a href="http://www.wineforlife.com">www.wineforlife.com</a>
Sedàra	100% Nero d'Avola, 13-14%. Aged 9 months in tanks and further 3 months in bottle
Sherazade	50% Nero d'Avola, 50% Syrah, 14% alc. Sherazade is the protagonist in the Thousand and One Nights novel.
Angheli	50% Nero d'Avola, 50% Merlot, aged in French oak for one year and in bottle min 6 months after
Tancredi	70% Nero d'Avola, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13.5-14% alc., Aged in French oak

	barrels for 12-14 months and in bottle min 10 months
Mille e una Notte	90% Nero d'Avola, 10% mixed varietals, aged in French barrique 14-16 months and min 12 months in bottle
Kabir	100% Zibbibo (also known as Moscato d'Alessandria), 11.5-12.5 % alc, naturally sweet. "Kabir" comes from the Arabic "The Great"
Ben Ryé	100% Zibbibo (also known as Moscato d'Alessandria), 14.5 % alc, the grapes for this Passito from Pantelleria come from 11 different parcels around the island.

Visit their website at <http://www.donnafugata.it>

Please comment on any of the wines you may have tried.