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2023 Donnafugata Lighea Zibibbo Sicilia DOC

In early February, Vino Italiano - my series bringing you some of the best wines from around Italy - had us in Toscana for another great wine from the portfolio of San Felice. The [2022 Bolgheri DOC Bell'Aja estate bottled by Società Agricola San Felice S.P.A](#) was a blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon from the Bolgheri DOC zone. Today, we head south to Sicilia for this white wine from one of my favorite producers on the island:



2023 Lighea Zibibbo Sicilia DOC bottled by Donnafugata s.r.l. (Marsala, Italia).

This wine is 100% zibibbo from the island of Pantelleria. It was both fermented and briefly aged in stainless steel. The wine comes in at 13% ABV.

Here it is in the glass:



Another look:



One more:



The wine showed a pale straw color. Apple, grapefruit, lemon candy, peach and whiffs of lychee all arrived on the nose. Apple, lychee, lemon and peach piloted the ripe palate followed closely by notes of melon. The wine exhibited bright acidity and good minerality. It was light-bodied and demonstrated good length. This wine would do as well as an *aperitivo* as it would paired alongside fish tempura, as suggested by the winery.

Donnafugata wines are widely distributed throughout the United States by Folio Fine Wine Partners.

Stay tuned for more from Donnafugata!

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