

SurSur 2021



The Contessa Entellina estate: Where Donnafugata began.

A fresh and informal Grillo with a youthful spirit, SurSur 2021 is characterized by a fragrant bouquet of white fleshed fruit combined with pleasant floral nuances.

PRODUCTION ZONE: south-west Sicily, Contessa Entellina estate and neighboring areas and in the hilly hinterland between Marsala and Salemi (Baiata, Alfaraggio, Pioppo district).

DENOMINATION: Sicilia Doc Grillo.

GRAPES: Grillo.

TERRAINS & CLIMATE: altitude from 200 to 600 m a.m.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: at Contessa Entellina 615 mm of rain were recorded in the 2021 vintage, a figure slightly below the average* of 645 mm of this area: rainfall was concentrated in winter, particularly in February and March, while spring was dry; in this season the delicate phases of flowering and fruit set took regularly place. At the end of June there was a peak of heat which slowed down the vegetative phase of the plants, which was later compensated by lower temperatures in July. A further heat wave in the first two weeks of August accelerated ripening. The entire vegetative-production cycle was accompanied by intense and careful work in the vineyard and thus ended

regularly. The quantity of grapes produced is slightly higher than in 2020 which - it must be remembered - was below the average. The quality is fully in line with the company objectives, oriented towards quality productions. *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.

HARVESTING: The Grillo for the production of SurSur was harvested between last decade of August and the first of September.

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

ANALYSIS DATA: alcohol 12.73 % ABV - total acidity 5.4 g/l - pH 3.20.

TASTING NOTES (06/12/2021): brilliant straw yellow, on the nose SurSur 2021 offers a fresh bouquet with notes of white fleshed fruit (peach and cantaloupe melon) combined with scents of wildflowers and mint. The fruity notes resurface on the palate with pleasant freshness and smoothness.

AGING POTENTIAL: to be enjoyed within 3 years.

FOOD & WINE: it matches perfectly with seafood appetizers, vegetarian first courses and roast fish. Try also with grilled white meats and fresh goat cheese. Serve in tulip glasses of medium size and height, it can be uncorked at time of serving, excellent at 9–11°C.

FRESH AND ORIGINAL COLLECTION: Pleasant wines with Sicilian soul. **WHEN YOU DESIRE TO:** Brighten your day in a pleasant and original way. Spoil yourself with a daily dose of luxury. Share a discovery with friends.

DIALOGUE WITH ART: Grillo is an ancient autochthonous Sicilian grape variety, but it is also a cute little animal (the cricket) that brings good luck. The name *sur sur*, that means cricket, comes from the classical Arabic language which was once also spoken in Sicily. The voice of spring, with its scents and colors, is depicted on the label. It shows Gabriella (founder of Donnafugata, with her husband Giacomo) as a girl in flight, running barefoot through the flowers and fresh grass, following the singing of crickets that sounds sweet to her ears, like a thousand "SurSur...".

FIRST VINTAGE: 2012.