

Aquilae Grillo BIO Terre Siciliane IGP Canicattì

The Producer:

Grillo is an indigenous Sicilian variety, from a natural crossing of Catarrato Bianco and Muscat of Alexandria. At one time the mainstay of Marsala it has now given way to higher yielding varieties for that wine. Since 2000 it has been recognised as producing wines of excellent quality and there has been a significant increase in plantings. Canicattì is a small co-operative near Agrigento on the south coast and Tonino Guzzo its consultant winemaker has been chosen in Decanter magazine as one of Italy's up and coming winemakers and is making wines of outstanding quality. Aquilae refers to the eagles which can often be seen in the area. This wine has been made from organically grown grapes and organically fermented and aged.

The Wine:

Grape(s): 100% Grillo
 Area: From vineyards in the commune of Favara and Casteltermini between the town of Canicattì and the coast of southern Sicily.
 The vines are organically grown under the auspices of ICEA
 Average age of vines: 10 years old
 Vine density: 4,500 per ha.
 Training System: Guyot
 Yield: 65hl/ha.
 Harvest: Late August
 Vinification: After a soft pressing there is a 2 hour maceration. The fermentation is started with organic yeasts and lasts for about 12 days at 15-16°C in stainless steel vats. There is no malolactic fermentation. The wine is made organically under the auspices of the ICEA. Ageing: Kept for 3 months in stainless steel vats before bottling in January.

Tasting Notes:

- A clean, citrusy nose with a touch of hazelnuts. A well balanced wine, it has a fullness on the palate and then a delicious vibrant finish.
- Grillo is a traditional Sicilian grape that is ideally suited to the island's warmth and makes wines of elegance and body. The potential has always been there and now with winemakers of flair and expertise it can be realised. A clean, citrusy nose with a touch of hazelnuts. A well balanced wine, it has a fullness on the palate and then a delicious vibrant finish.

Code: 1581BIO
 Pack: 6x75cl
 Vegan: Yes
 Vegetarian: Yes
 Organic: Yes
 Closure: Cork

