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## Donnafugata "Vigna di Gabri" Sicilia DOP (2012)

Donnafugata is one of Sicily's most successful quality-orientated wineries and this "Vigna di Gabri" is one of their most interesting white wines. Formed of a blend of (66%) Ansonica, (20%) Chardonnay, (5%) Viognier and (9% split between) Sauvignon Blanc and Catarratto (all fermented in stainless steel tanks), 85% of this 2012 iteration of this "Vigna di Gabri" was then matured on the lees of that fermentation in those steel tanks, whilst 15% was transferred into (second use) oak barriques for a period.



A lemon colour with gold tinges in terms of appearance, this Donnafugata "Vigna di Gabri" offers a unique series of sensations as it is tasted. Initially quite richly textured peach, apple and hints of vanilla define this "Vigna di Gabri", before an increasingly mineral and green fruit streak breaks through and drives a clean, lengthy finish. Acidity and texture are perfectly balanced, with nuances of candied pineapple, green apple and elderflower all lending further complexity. This is an extremely accomplished wine that will drink well now or over the next three years.

**SCORE:** 91 points. (£18 UK) **STOCKISTS:** Italvinus / The Drink Shop / Aitkin Wines

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