



DONNAFUGATA

PRESS RELEASE

Calici di Stelle 2006 at Donnafugata

**Time once again for the great festival of quality wines:
visits and guided tastings on the magical night of San Lorenzo.**

Marsala: August 3, 2006 - The Tenuta di Donnafugata wine estate at Contessa Entellina will again be staging the intriguing "Calici di Stelle" ("Goblets of Stars") event on August 10. This traditional program of the Wine Tourism Movement is an occasion not to be missed for an encounter between Donnafugata and its admirers. It is a time to communicate the values in which the estate believes: production of quality wines, respect for the environment and exploitation of the territory.

Numerous wine lovers, coming from all parts of Italy and from abroad, will have the opportunity to learn about the places and the phases of production that make the wines of Donnafugata great.

The visit will begin among the illuminated vineyards where it will be possible to taste some Chardonnay berries to appreciate their intense aroma and to learn about them from the members of the estate staff, who will explain the choice of cultivation methods that make these vineyards an example of modern viticulture.

After the presentation of the photovoltaic installation, which satisfies 30% of the estate's energy needs, visitors will tour the winery in which the estate uses simple technologies that are increasingly respectful of the intrinsic quality of the grapes and musts to obtain wines that respond more completely to the potential of the territory.

The educational tour will conclude with the showing of a video that focuses on some of the estate's most important initiatives and images of the harvest and vinification on the properties at Contessa Entellina and Pantelleria, the island where the *passito* (raisin) wine Ben Ryé is made.

The evening's culmination will come with the tasting of the entire range of Donnafugata wines that are expressions of native varieties—like the Ansonica of the Vigna di Gabri, the Nero d'Avola of Mille e una Notte and the Zibibbo of Ben Ryé—but also combinations of native and international varieties as in the case of Ansonica and Chardonnay in Chiarandà and Nero d'Avola and Cabernet Sauvignon in Tancredi.

The event begins at 9 p.m. at 60 km on Highway S.S. 624 (the Palermo-Sciacca express route). At the entrance, a contribution of 5 euros will be requested. Reservations can be made by telephoning the green (toll-free) number 800 252321 or sending an e-mail to info@donnafugata.it.

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When:	Thursday, August 10, 2006 – from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Event:	<i>Calici di Stelle</i> (Goblet of Stars) the traditional Italian Wine Tourism Movement event to celebrate Bacchus and toast the falling stars on the Night of San Lorenzo. Info: www.movimentoturismovino.it .
How to get to Donnafugata:	<p>Donnafugata lies precisely at kilometer 60 on the road S.S. 624 from Palermo to Sciacca. Note: coming from Palermo, you will first see the winery on your left and just ahead on your right you will take the overpass to get to Donnafugata. Coming from Sciacca, the cellar will be on your right, proceed about 200 meters (219 yards), on your right take exit "C.da Cavallaro", proceed under the road and turn left going back towards Sciacca. Proceed 200 metres, take right and follow the overpass to the estate.</p> <p>From Mazara del Vallo take the highway A29 towards Palermo: after 20 kilometres exit at Castelvetro and follow signs for Menfi and Sciacca; after 25 kilometres exit at Menfi and follow the signs first for Sambuca di Sicilia and then for the road S.S. 624 Palermo-Sciacca; at the rotary called "Misilbesi", take the road S.S. 624 in direction towards Palermo and continue for about 12 kilometres until kilometer marker n° 60.</p> <p>Donnafugata estate is in Contessa Entellina community, but DO NOT follow the signs for Contessa Entellina; stay on road (SS) 624 Palermo-Sciacca (see "How to get to Donnafugata"). The estate is in the province of Palermo but on the border with the provinces of Agrigento and Trapani; the towns nearest Donnafugata are Santa Margherita di Belice and Sambuca di Sicilia.</p>
The evening's features:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A visit to one of Sicily's most beautiful and best-tended vineyards by moonlight. 2) Guided tour of the vinification cellar and photovoltaic installation for solar energy, a renewable and non-polluting power source. 3) Video of grape harvesting and wine making at the Donnafugata estates in Contessa Entellina and on Pantelleria (duration: 11 minutes). 4) There will be a special selection of Donnafugata wines for tasting during the evening.
Price:	The price of the tasting is € 5 to be paid at the entrance . In addition we ask that you leave a € 5 security deposit for the wine glass, which will be given back when the wine glass is returned.
Wine sales:	Yes.
Info-line:	Would you like more information on the event, how to get to it or anything else? Call the toll-free number 800 252321 (only from Italy). Our own numbers are 0923 724216 or 0923 724206.
If you get lost	On August 10, 2006 (and that day only) you can get information on how to get to Donnafugata by calling this mobile phone number: 338 771 8805 anytime during the day or evening.
Reservations:	In order to organize the evening better, we ask you to make reservations at the toll-free number 800 252321 or via e-mail a info@donnafugata.it . Just give a last name and the number of people in your group.
Where to stay? Here are some hotels and farm holiday accommodations in the area	<p>at Contessa Entellina (PA): Abbazia di Santa Maria del Bosco - C.da S. Maria del Bosco - Tel. 091 8351301 www.santamariadelbosco.it;</p> <p>at Sambuca di Sicilia (AG): Azienda Agricola "Massaria Ruvettu" - C.da Cicala - Tel. 0925 946059 massariaruvettu@libero.it ;</p> <p>at Sciacca (AG): Grand Hotel delle Terme (4 stelle) - Viale delle Nuove Terme, 1 - Tel. 0925 23133 www.grandhoteldelleterme.com.</p> <p>at Menfi (AG): Tenuta Stoccatello (agriturismo) - Km 6 S.P. Menfi-Partanna - Tel. 333 9035428 www.tenutastoccatello.it ; Azienda Agriturstica "Baglio San Vincenzo" - C.da San Vincenzo - Cell. 339 242 6103 www.bagliosanvincenzo.it ;</p> <p>at Selinunte Castelvetro (TP): Hotel Paradise Beach - C.da Belice Mare - Tel. 0924 46333 Fax 0924 46477, www.hotelparadisebeach.it ;</p> <p>at Mazara del Vallo (TP): Kempinski Giardino di Costanza Resort (5 stelle) - Via Salemi km 7,1 - tel. 0923 675 000 fax 0923 675 876 www.kempinski-sicily.com;</p>
Where to eat? Here are some trattorias and restaurants in the area (reservations required)	<p>At Marinella di Selinunte (Castelvetro): Lido Ristorante La Pineta - Tel. 0924 46820;</p> <p>at Menfi: Ristorante da Vittorio Via Friuli Venezia Giulia 9 - Tel. 0925 78381; Ristorante Il Vigneto - Via Porto Palo - Tel. 0925 71732;</p> <p>at Sambuca di Sicilia: Ristorante La Panoramica - C.da Adragna - Tel. 0925 943430;</p> <p>at S. Margherita Belice: Ristorante Oasi - C.da Insigna - Tel. 0925 33443; Ristorante Opuntia - C.da Luni - cell. 339 2717380;</p> <p>at Sciacca: Ristorante Le Gourmet - Via Monte Kronio 7 - Tel. 0925 26460; Ristorante Porto S. Paolo - Largo S. Paolo 7 - Tel. 0925 27982; Ristorante La Lampara - Vicolo Grande Il Caricatore 33 - Tel. 0925 85085; Hostaria del Vicolo - Vicolo Sammaritano 10 - Tel. 0925 23071.</p>
Websites on Sicily:	The Sicilian research engine: www.siciliano.it ; Sicily Region: www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo ; Vacations in 20Sicily: www.amicasicilia.com ; Palermo Province Tourism Board: www.aapit.pa.it www.aapit.pa.it