



DONNAFUGATA

PRESS RELEASE

## *Calici di Stelle 2008 at Donnafugata*

August 10<sup>th</sup> will be a magical, memorable night for “Goblets Full of Stars” (“Calici di Stelle”) the traditional summer Wine Tourism Movement event that every year brings hundreds of visitors to **Donnafugata Estate at the 60 kilometer stone on the Palermo-Sciacca limited-access Highway S.S. 624.**

Under the shooting stars on the night of San Lorenzo, from 9 p.m. Donnafugata opens its doors for what is by now one of the most eagerly awaited fine wine fetes in Italy.

The program is always a rich one and there will be a tour of the Chardonnay vineyard “La Fuga” and the wine estate’s cellars plus a tasting of all the company’s wines.

In addition, in certain years this August date has permitted visitors to watch the nighttime grape harvest, the method introduced by Donnafugata to avoid high daytime temperatures and thus preserve the aromas of the grapes while saving on energy and therefore helping to protect the environment.

At this moment it’s too soon to know if the two dates will coincide, but what is sure is that the nighttime harvest will really be special this year, when the house will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

On this occasion will be presented the new CD “Donnafugata Music&Wine” and the project “**Donnafugata for the future**”. Following the example of **Muhammad Yunus** – Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2006 - money raised from the sales of this new CD will finance a microcredit project: small loans for persons normally considered “unbankable”, helping them to build their future.

You can make reservations for Calici di Stelle at the toll-free number 800 252321 or via e-mail at [info@donnafugata.it](mailto:info@donnafugata.it). The tasting fee is five euros, payable on admission, and there is a five-euro deposit for the tasting goblet. Wines will be for sale.

*Marsala, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008*

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| <b>When:</b>                                                                                      | <b>Sunday, August 10, 2008 - from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Event:</b>                                                                                     | <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: <a href="http://www.movimentoturismovino.it">www.movimentoturismovino.it</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>How to get to Donnafugata:</b>                                                                 | <p>Donnafugata lies precisely at <b>kilometer 60 on the road S.S. 624 from Palermo to Sciacca</b>. Note: coming <b>from Palermo</b>, 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 <b>from Sciacca</b>, the winery will be on your right, proceed about 800 meters, on your right take exit “C.da Cavallaro”, proceed under the road and turn left going back towards Sciacca. Proceed 800 metres, take right and follow the overpass to the estate.</p> <p><b>From Mazara del Vallo</b> 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 <b>DO NOT</b> follow the signs for Contessa Entellina; stay on road S.S. 624 Palermo-Sciacca (see “How to get to Donnafugata”).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>The evening's features:</b>                                                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A visit to one of Sicily's most beautiful and best-tended vineyards by moonlight.</li> <li>2) Guided tour of the vinification cellar and photovoltaic installation for solar energy, a renewable and non-polluting power source.</li> <li>3) Video of grape harvesting and wine making at the Donnafugata estates in Contessa Entellina and on Pantelleria (duration: about 10 minutes).</li> <li>4) There will be a special selection of Donnafugata wines for tasting during the evening.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Price:</b>                                                                                     | The price of the tasting is <b>€ 5 to be paid at the entrance</b> . In addition we ask that you leave a <b>€ 5 security deposit</b> for the wine glass, which will be given back when the wine glass is returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Wine sales:</b>                                                                                | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Info-line:</b>                                                                                 | Would you like more information on the event, how to get to it or anything else? Call us on the phone: (+39) 0923 724206 or 0923 724216.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>If you get lost</b>                                                                            | On August 10, 2008 (and that day only) you can get information on how to get to Donnafugata by calling this mobile phone number: (+39) 338 771 8805 anytime during the day or evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Reservations:</b>                                                                              | <b>Reservations required</b> at the toll-free phone number +39 800 252321 or via e-mail a <a href="mailto:info@donnafugata.it">info@donnafugata.it</a> . Just give a last name and the number of people in your group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Where to stay? Here are some hotels and farm holiday accommodations in the area</b>            | <p>at <b>Contessa Entellina (PA)</b>: Abbazia di Santa Maria del Bosco, C.da S. Maria del Bosco - tel. +39 091 8351301 <a href="http://www.santamariadelbosco.it">www.santamariadelbosco.it</a>;</p> <p>at <b>Sambuca di Sicilia (AG)</b>: Don Giovanni Hotel, Contrada Pandolfina - tel. +390925944001 <a href="http://www.dongiovannihotel.it">www.dongiovannihotel.it</a>; Azienda Agricola "Massaria Ruvettu", C.da Cicala - Tel. +39 0925 946059 <a href="mailto:massariaruvetto@libero.it">massariaruvetto@libero.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Sciacca (AG)</b>: Grand Hotel delle Terme (4 stelle), Viale delle Nuove Terme n.1 - tel. +39 0925 23133 <a href="http://www.grandhoteldelleterme.com">www.grandhoteldelleterme.com</a>.</p> <p>at <b>Menfi (AG)</b>: Tenuta Stoccatello (agriturismo), Km 6 S.P. Menfi-Partanna - mobile +39 333 9035428 <a href="http://www.tenutastoccatello.it">www.tenutastoccatello.it</a> ; Azienda Agrituristic "Baglio San Vincenzo", C.da San Vincenzo - mobile 339 242 6103 <a href="http://www.bagliosanvincenzo.it">www.bagliosanvincenzo.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Selinunte Castelvetro (TP)</b>: Hotel Paradise Beach, C.da Belice Mare - tel. +39 0924 46333 fax +39 0924 46477, <a href="http://www.hotelparadisebeach.it">www.hotelparadisebeach.it</a> ;</p> <p>at <b>Mazara del Vallo (TP)</b>: Kempinski Giardino di Costanza Resort (5 stelle), Via Salemi km 7,1 - tel. +39 0923 675 000 fax +39 0923 675 876 <a href="http://www.kempinski-sicily.com">www.kempinski-sicily.com</a>;</p> |
| <b>Where to eat? Here are some trattorias and restaurants in the area (reservations required)</b> | <p>at <b>Marinella di Selinunte</b>: (Castelvetro): Lido Ristorante La Pineta, Via Punta Cantone - tel. +39 0924 46820;</p> <p>at <b>Menfi</b>: Ristorante da Vittorio, Via Friuli Venezia Giulia n.9 - Tel. +39 0925 78381; Ristorante Il Vigneto, C.da Gurra di Mare - tel. +39 0925 71732; Ristorante L'Agano, Strada Provinciale Lido Fiori - cell. +39 333 6462725; Ristorante Pizzeria Lucerna, Via Selinunte n.2 (Porto Palo di Menfi) - cell. +39 330 538826.</p> <p>at <b>Sciacca</b>: Ristorante Al Porticello, Via Lido Esperanto (c.da Stazzone) - tel. +39 0925 22060; Ristorante La Lampara, Vicolo Grande Il Caricatore n.33 - tel. +39 0925 85085; Ristorante Le Gourmet, Via Monte Kronio n.7 - tel. +39 0925 26460; Ristorante Porto S. Paolo, Largo S. Paolo n.7 - tel. +39 0925 27982; Hostaria del Vicolo, Vicolo Sammaritano n.10 - tel. +39 0925 23071.</p> <p>at <b>S. Margherita Belice</b>: Ristorante Hypsa, Via Senatore Traina n.37 - tel. +39 0925 31001.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Websites on Sicily:</b>                                                                        | <a href="http://www.siciliano.it">The Sicilian research engine: www.siciliano.it</a> ; <a href="http://www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo">Sicily Region: www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo</a> ; <a href="http://www.amicasicilia.com">Vacations in 20Sicily: www.amicasicilia.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.aapit.pa.it">Palermo Province Tourism Board: www.aapit.pa.it</a> <a href="http://www.aapit.pa.it">www.aapit.pa.it</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |