

2017 Donnafugata Bell'assai Vittoria DOC Frappato

When *Vino Italiano* - my series bringing you some of the best wines from around Italy - last had us in Italy, we were exploring a white wine from Sicily. The [2017 La Bastarda Pinot Grigio](#) was a bargain-priced white wine, perfect for easy enjoyment on a warm afternoon. Today, we're headed back to Sicily for a red wine from one of my favorite producers on the island:



2017 Bell'assai Vittoria DOC Frappato bottled by Donnafugata s.r.l. (Marsala, Italia).

This wine is 100% Vittoria DOC Frappato Sicilia. The fruit hails from Vittoria in southwest Sicily. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks featuring an 8-9 day maceration. The wine comes in at 13.47% ABV.

Here it is in the glass:



Another look:



One more:



The wine showed a light ruby color. Cherry, strawberry, white pepper, raspberry and whiffs of smoke all arrived on the nose. Cherry, raspberry, strawberry, vanilla and hints of white pepper followed on a delicate palate redolent with red berry fruit. The wine exhibited good structure and length, along with moderate tannins. This wine would pair very well with a seafood stew served over couscous.

This wine* is widely distributed throughout the United States and can be purchased from retailers [such as this one](#) for \$25/bottle.

More to come from Donnafugata!

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