

2019 Dolce & Gabbana and Donnafugata Rosa

It's no secret that I've admired the wines of Sicilian producer, Donnafugata, for some time. I've demonstrated that on numerous occasions when I've featured its wines in *Vino Italiano* - my series bringing you some of the best wines from around Italy. The last Donnafugata wine we enjoyed a red wine made from grapes grown at the foot of Mt. Etna - the [2016 Sul Vulcano Etna Rosso DOC bottled by Donnafugata s.r.l.](#)

Today, we're headed back to Marsala to enjoy an exciting collaboration between Donnafugata and famed Italian fashion house, Dolce & Gabbana:



2019 Dolce & Gabbana and Donnafugata Rosa bottled by Donnafugata s.r.l. (Marsala, Italia).

For this project Dolce & Gabbana has curated the product identity. The immediately recognizable graphics are inspired by the iconic Sicilian cart, an emblem of the culture and tradition of the island all over the world. The wine is a blend of nerello mascalese and nocera. The wine was both fermented and briefly aged in stainless steel prior to bottling. It comes in at 12.65% ABV.

Here it is in the glass:



Another look:



One more:



The wine showed a pale pink color. Cherry, strawberry, cream, raspberry, hints of ripe peach were each discernible on the nose. Cherry, watermelon, strawberry, cream, raspberry and hints of peach followed on the palate where the stone fruit emerged as the wine opened up. The wine exhibited great acidity and balance. It was light-bodied and demonstrated good length. This wine would do nicely as an aperitivo. It would also pair well with grilled calamari.

This wine* has a suggested retail price of \$45 and is widely distributed throughout the United States by Folio Fine Wine Partners.

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*Sample provided for review.

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