

CATARRATTO LUCIDO

TERRE SICILIANE

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In Sicily, there are three different recognized clones of Catarratto: Comune, Lucido, and Extra Lucido. Each clone has very different characteristics.

The most widely grown in Sicily is Cataratto Comune as it is the most productive, while the Catarrato Lucido is much rarer; it has smaller bunches and berries and is less productive. Now being "rediscovered" on the island due to its superior quality, its name comes from the unusual shiny skin of the grapes.

GRAPES

Our Catarrato grapes are cultivated on slopes at around 400 metres above sea level. Grapes are hand-picked in mid-September in small baskets.

Picking takes place in the cool early part of the morning in order to keep the grapes as fresh as possible.

VINIFI(ATION

The vinification of Catarrato Lucido is carried out on the **principle of minimum intervention in order to achieve maximum quality in the finished wine**. Grapes are de-stemmed and very softly pressed with a pneumatic press. The must is decanted at a low temperature for about 48 hours before starting the fermentation, which takes place at 17-19C° for about 20 days. After the fermentation is finished the wine is racked and kept on fine lees for at least 5 months, with frequent battonages.

TASTING NOTES

Nostru Catarrato Lucido is straw-coloured with flecks of green. The characterful bouquet is a little spicy and reminiscent of jasmine, aromatic herbs and nutmeg, with delicate touches of white peach. On the palate, there is a strong mineral back bone, perfectly balanced with lively acidity. The finish is long and complex with delicious almond flavours.