

# Catarratto `Contrade Bellusa` Organic IGT 2022



## Region

Volcanic soils and a maritime influence combine to impart a distinct elegance and mineral character upon the island's wines. Notable for its range of local varieties with Nero d'Avola and Nerello Mascalese making reliable, fleshy red wines, whilst Catarratto, Grillo and Inzolia yield surprisingly well balanced and flavourful white wines. You will also find the more recognised grapes of Syrah and Chardonnay performing really well in this warm Mediterranean climate. However, it is the uniquely rich and mineral influenced dessert wines that are perhaps Sicily's greatest contribution to the wine world, from Marsala to Moscato di Pantelleria and Malvasia.

## Producer

Mondo del Vino is an Italian cooperative focussed on creating high quality Italian wines. Founded in 1991 by oenologists Alfeo Martini, Roger Gabb and Christophe Mack who came together with the aim of coming up with new ways to produce and market Italian wines. Today, grapes are carefully selected for the best quality by oenologists through direct agreements with cooperatives and private companies and they control every stage of the winemaking process from fermentation to ageing, bottling and branding. With grapes grown on the Agrigento hills at 200-300m with shallow soils of with some calcareous clay, organic matter and iron, all of which helps create elegant yet full bodied wines with great balance.

## Tasting Notes

Sicilian Catarratto sourced entirely from organic vineyards which sit on soils made up of silt, limestone, sand and clay. A pale straw colour with a fresh and zesty nose. The palate is crisp and balanced, evocative notes of Sicilian melon, white blossom and grapefruit are in abundance with a citrus acidity and a subtle mineral complexity on the finish.

## Food

Partner with fish-based dishes such as Sicillian Sarde a beccafico or raw red prawns. Also an ideal accompaniment to Arancini.

### Technical Information

Country	Italy
Region	Sicily
Grape(s)	Catarratto (100%)
Type	White
Style	Fruity
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Light bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	12.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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