
CENTOPASSI GRILLO 'ROCCE DI PIETRA LONGA'



Region: Sicily, Italy

Appellation: Sicilia DOC

Vineyard Site: Pietralonga

Grapes: Grillo

Farming: Certified organic

Age of Vines: Planted in 2004

Altitude, Aspect & Soil Type: 550 M, SE Facing, Clay/Sand/Silt with a sub-alkaline PH

Typical Harvest Time: End of August through the first week of September

Maceration & Fermentation: controlled low temperature fermentation in stainless steel using neutral selected yeasts

Aging: Aged in stainless steel, on the lees, for nine months

Finishing: Gentle filtration

Production: 16,000 bottles annually

Notes from Oliver:

'I Cento Passi,' the Hundred Steps, is an anti-Mafia film made in 2000, and Centopassi wines are grown in vineyards confiscated from convicted Mafiosi, some of them notorious (such as Salvatore 'Toto' Riina). In other words the mere existence of this estate is a renunciation of the Mafia, and of the terrible effect that the Mafia has had on the people of Sicily for generations. We are proud to support Centopassi and Libera Terra, the organization behind it.

Centopassi's grapes come from various vineyards in the high Belice Corleonese Plateau, near the town of Corleone, south of Palermo. This single vineyard can be recognized by a tall stone (the Pietra Lunga), about 100 feet high, nearby. Shows intense mouthwatering aromas of lemon, marzipan and wet stones, with an outstanding lively fresh palate impression.