



Poggio Anima

2019

'RAPHAEL'

Rosato | Sicilia - Italy

Stats

Grapes: 85% Zibibbo - 15% Syrah

Vineyard: Two sites: Hillside overlooking the sea in Castellamare (Zibibbo) and an inland vineyard 30 miles south (Syrah)

Vine Age: Average: 31-years-old

Soil Type: Varied: Primarily brown clay and limestone

Viticulture: Sustainable

Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel

Skin Contact: 2 days (Syrah)

Aging: 3 months in stainless-steel

Total Production: 3,000 cases

About

Raphael is known as the “patron saint of travelers and ‘happy meetings’.” There are not many wines more fitting to drink while one travels nor to share in happy meetings than a chilled glass of rosé. It is a wine meant to be shared with good company and sharing in the great times that spring and summer so often bring. It is known that Italian rosés (read rosato) are often heavy handed and dark in color. This strays from that summation and brings a touch of the Côte d’Azur to Sicily.

The Zibibbo came from mountainous, seaside perched vines in Castellamare, halfway between Trapani and Palermo and the Syrah from Salemi, 30 miles south of Castellamare. A rainy spring and a milder start to summer saw temperatures dip below average to start the growing season. Maturation was much slower than usual, and harvest was two weeks later. The Syrah was lighter in color than in the past but with really fresh, bright acidity while the Zibibbo got more hangtime and resulted in more intense aromatics and palate weight.

Tasting Note

Salmon pink. Spices, flowers and herbs complement red berries on the nose and in the mouth. At once dense and juicy, with the light red fruit flavors and floral notes carrying through on the persistent finish, which features an underbrush nuance. Firm acid holds it all together to make it the perfect glass of rosé.