



Poggio Anima

2019

'URIEL'

Grillo | Sicilia - Italy

Stats

Grapes: 100% Grillo

Vineyard: Single site in Chirchiaro

Vine Age: 22-years-old

Soil Type: Pliocene rocky, red clay

Viticulture: Sustainable

Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel

Skin Contact: None

Aging: 6 months in stainless steel

Total Production: 7,000 cases

About

Uriel, the archangel of repentance. Uriel played a very important role in ancient texts as the 'rescuer'. The translation of Uriel is 'God of Light.' Uriel was the angel who checked each of the doors during the Passover in order to ensure safety for God's people. Grillo is a very resilient grape and one that withstands a lot of heat and wind on Sicily. It is probably best known as the foundation for Marsala but in its 'dry' form has many interesting characteristics. It is the most important white grape on Sicily and therefore the 'principal light.'

The Grillo vineyard is located in Western Sicily, in the area of Chirchiaro, between Salemi and Vita, roughly 25 miles from Marsala. The grapes are planted east facing following the vertical trellis system on sandy and clay rich soil, using guyot pruning. At an altitude of around 1,600 feet above sea level and with a proximity to the sea there is a definitive freshness to the wine. After the very cool 2018 vintage and fiery hot 2017 vintage, 2019 was a truly classic and ideal vintage. Balance and elegance abounded, despite some peak summer spikes.

Tasting Note

Golden straw color with bright yellow hues. The aromas creep from the glass with white peaches and white plums combined with scents of wildflowers and a hint of mango. It is well-balanced and medium-bodied with a soft palate, fresh mineral notes and tropical fruit characters and a very high-toned, fresh finish.