

# ABBADESSA

## Late harvest

*Abbadessa is the sweet grand cru of the Ansaldo wine estate, a very important late harvest white wine selection produced from Zibibbo grapes dried naturally on the vines of the Abbadessa vineyard.*



**GRAPE VARIETY:** Zibibbo (100%)

**DENOMINATION:** Sicilia IGT

**WINE-GROWING AREA:** Ansaldo Farm Estate - Marsala - Sicilia

**NAME OF THE VINEYARD:** Vigna Abbadessa

**SOIL:** Of medium texture with a mild skeleton content. A reddish, fairly calcareous soil with an alkaline reaction. Down deep, a thin layer of calcarenite rock of marine origin and a thicker dark yellow layer of "turba", an ancient calcareous soil where the roots take hold and search for water resources and macro nutrients for good vegetative strength

**YEAR PLANTED:** 2002

**ALTITUDE:** 155 m above sea level

**VINEYARD EXPOSURE:** North - South

**VINE DENSITY PER HECTARE:** 4.545 vines (220×100 cm)

**VINE TRAINING SYSTEM:** Espallier

**TYPE OF PRUNING:** Short Guyot

**GRAPE YIELD PER HECTARE:** About 20 tons

**HARVEST PERIOD:** First week of October

**TYPE OF HARVEST:** By hand, in 10 Kg crates

**SEASONAL WEATHER TREND:** The 2006 vintage was to be remembered for the extraordinary quality of the grapes. The normal rainfall until the beginning of April contributed to a normal trend of the different vegetative phases, while a mild and dry summer with perfect day/night temperature variations allowed the bunches to ripen perfectly.

**VINIFICATION PROCESS:** Destemming, cold maceration for 24 hours, soft pressing and static must clarification.

**FERMENTATION:** In stainless steel at a temperature of 16-20°C until reaching a content of 13.5 and then stopped by refrigeration

**MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:** Successfully carried out

**AGEING:** In a stainless steel vat in contact with yeasts for 6 months and another 6 months in barriques.

**BOTTLING:** At 15°C, under controlled atmosphere (nitrogen)

**TYPE OF BOTTLE:** Antique Bordeaux dark glass bottle, 50 cl

**TYPE OF STOPPER:** Single-piece natural cork 45x26 cm

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 13,5% Vol.