

Le Fontane

2023 Sabbie Rosse IGT Terre Siciliane Sicily, Italy

Type:	Red Still Wine
Ingredients:	70% Frappato, 30% Nero d'Avola
Region:	Chiaromonte Gulfi
Vineyard Size:	Situated 230 meters above sea level, spanning 2 hectares, this single vineyard is located in Contrada Le Fontane, Vittoria.
Planted:	2000, 2005, 2010 (average age: 20 years old)
Farming Methods:	Organic and biodynamic practices, manual labor, green harvesting. Guyot system and spur-pruned cordon training methods.
Soil:	Medium-textured, composed of red-brown sand and sub-Apennine limestone.
Climate:	Chiaromonte Gulfi enjoys a Mediterranean climate characterized by hot days, cool nights, and low rainfall. Mild winters, warm springs, and dry summers create ideal conditions for producing Le Fontane wines with a balanced profile of ripeness, freshness, and elegance, which supports the principles of biodynamic agriculture.
Fermentation:	Fermentation takes place in concrete tanks with indigenous yeasts and 15 days of skin maceration to enhance varietal authenticity. The cap remains submerged throughout to extract more color, as Frappato makes up the larger percentage of the blend.
Winemaker:	Giovanni Occhipinti, Giusto Occhipinti
Elevage:	Aged for 8–10 months in thick (13.55-inch), uncoated concrete tanks, ideal for maintaining temperature, followed by an additional 1–2 months in bottle to harmonize aromas and structure.
Fining/Filtration:	No/No

ABV	12%	S02	40 mg/L	Sizes	750ml
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Organic	Sustainable
Yes	Manual labor, dry farming, green manure, and zero use of pesticides or chemical substances.

ABOUT THIS BOTTLE

Le Sabbie Rosse, or “red sands,” are remarkably fine-textured soils composed primarily of sand with only trace amounts of clay. Their distinctive reddish hue comes from a high concentration of iron oxides. Naturally well-draining, these soils discourage water retention, prompting vines to send their roots deep in search of nutrients. The result is wines with notable structure, complexity, and elegance.

A blend of 70% Frappato and 30% Nero d'Avola, this wine shows a bright ruby hue and aromas of red berries such as strawberry, cherry, and raspberry, layered with floral notes of violet and rose. On the palate, it's light to medium-bodied with juicy acidity, soft tannins, and a silky mouthfeel. Subtle herbal, spice, and earthy nuances lend added depth. Fresh and elegant, it pairs beautifully with grilled tuna, poultry, pasta dishes, Sicilian caponata, and soft cheeses.

