

# IDDA

## 2024 CONTRADA STELLA ETNA BIANCO DOP



### WINERY

IDDA is a collaboration between renowned winemakers Angelo Gaja and Alberto Graci, launched on Mount Etna in 2017. The Graci family holds a distinguished reputation in the region's winemaking traditions. IDDA means "she" in Sicilian dialect, a term of endearment and reverence used by Sicilians for Mount Etna. Today, the estate comprises 50 acres of vineyards situated at 2,000 to 2,600 feet above sea level in the villages of Belpasso and Biancavilla.

### WINE

The name Contrada Stella comes from a historic toponym rooted in Sicilian tradition and evokes the vineyard's elevated position, as if it were "close to the stars."

### VINEYARDS

This one-hectare (2.47-acre) vineyard is located in the municipality of Biancavilla, at the highest point of the estate at 820 meters (2,690 feet) above sea level. The soils are of Ellittico origin among the oldest on Mount Etna, formed from the lava flows of the ancient Ellittico volcano. Deep and rich in minerals, they are composed of silt, clay, and volcanic sand, helping to regulate water and temperature stress, encourage deep root growth, and produce wines of notable balance and complexity.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2024 vintage was generally a dry one, with only 345 mm of total rainfall. The winter was cold but with scarce precipitation, and temperatures were above average in spring, which remained very dry. There were no reports of downy mildew or powdery mildew. The summer season was very hot, with peaks of 40-43 degrees. The harvest was anticipated by two weeks, resulting in wines that are rich in aromas and minerality, with medium structure and flavor.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation and ageing in large oak casks for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Contrada Stella reveals an aromatic profile of violet, rose, licorice, and a citrus note reminiscent of lemon. The palate opens with a saline freshness, leading into a firm structure and remarkable length. Tannins add volume and persistence, while a distinctive blood orange note reflects the signature character of this Contrada.

### VINEYARD

Region: Sicily  
Appellation: Etna Bianco DOP  
Vineyard: Biancavilla  
First Vintage: 2024  
Eco-Practices: Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals: Carricante  
Aging: Aged in large oak casks for 18 months

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13%