

## AN AWARD-RICH AUTUMN FOR DUCA DI SALAPARUTA WINES



This fall has marked a season full of confirmations and gratifications for **Duca di Salaparuta** brand wines.

All thanks to a rich new array of awards and medals which day after day have ratified the success of a product coming from a meld of great tradition, longtime viticulture experience and intense teamwork.

Let's start from what's up ahead, namely, the **Italian Sommelier Foundation's 2023 Bibenda Guide**, which will surely include **three of our wines**. The three, all wines from the Florio Cellars, won a **5 Grappoli** rating for **excellence**. They are: **Duca Enrico 2018**, **Bianca di Valguarnera 2019** and **Marsala Vergine Riserva (virgin reserve) 2008 – VR0308**.





Always on the Florio front, **Marsala Superiore Riserva Semisecco** (superior semidry reserve) – **SR2715** won the Silver Medal at the debut edition of the **Concours Mondial de Bruxelles – Sweet&Fortified Wines Session**.

This is an important recognition above all for the foreign markets that are moving increasingly toward this product category.

Likewise, the Italian wine guide **Vini Buoni d'Italia** reserved a special place for our wines in the **2023 Italian Touring Club Guide** devoted to **native grape varieties**, awarding no less than **two crowns** (one gold, the other green) to Duca Enrico 2018. They are: the **CORONA ORO VINI BUONI D'ITALIA**, which the Italian Touring Club Guide tasters confer upon excellent wines;





and the **CORONA VERDE VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2023**, given by guest commissions consisting of journalists, operators, sommeliers and wine lovers.

**Duca Enrico 2018** is no doubt our champion medal-winning wine, for — with a total of **96 points** out of **100** — it has a place of honor also in **Doctor Wine's 2023 Essential Guide to Italian Wines** curated by **Daniele Cernilli** (one of Italy's leading wine journalists).

Similarly impressive, the innovative

vision of the new Florio Marsala line won kudos with an excellent score of **96** out of **100** for **MARSALA VERGINE RISERVA** (virgin reserve) – **VR1898**.

In the rankings of journalist/wine taster **James Button** of **Decanter Magazine**, it's the whites **KADOS 2021** and **BIANCA DI VALGUARNERA 2019** that get a high score: the two beautifully nuanced and noble wines appear on the journalist's list of **65 best Sicilian wines**, specifically as





premium wines in his prominent **Sicily Report 2022**. Sicily is the focus of many foreign wine competitions, as in the case both of the **FALSTAFF SICILIA TROPHY 2022** and the **MUNDUS VINI SUMMER TASTING 2022**.

A reference point for the entire European wine market, German speaking countries in particular, the two Tasting Editorial Boards and Commissions are composed

by world-class professional tasters who are major players on the international wine scene. At the **Mundus Vini Tasting Duca** products obtained important ratings, first and foremost **Duca Enrico 2018**, which won the **Oro grande | \*\*\*Best of Show Sicilia\*\*\*** prize; meanwhile **Passo delle Mule 2020** and **Lavico Etna Rosso 2020** each earned a gold medal. The **Falstaff Sicilia Trophy** tastings





were conducted by **Othmar Kiem** and **Simon Staffler**, two market journalists and opinion leaders.

Both gave high marks to the Duca di Salaparuta and Florio wines: **Duca Enrico 2018** got **94 points** and **Bianca di Valguarnera 2019** a total of **92 points**.



With Florio, **Marsala Vergine Riserva** (virgin reserve) **DOC VR1003** got **94 points**, taking **second place** in the selection of **Sicilian whites**.

Lastly, **Marsala Vergine Riserva** (virgin reserve) **DOC VR0308** received **93 points**. These are truly top-notch results that confirm once again our wines' vocation for excellence.

