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This variety is original of Sicily, where it has notably spread and is known with the name of "Insolia". It is sparsely widespread in Tuscany, especially on the Grosseto coast.

Ampelographic characters: this variety is not homogeneous and displays different characteristics depending on the various environments in which it is grown. Currently the "verde-cappuccia" type is popular. The bud has a medium, greenish-yellow, almost glabrous apex. The medium-large, five-lobed leaves have a lyre-shaped petiolar sinus, overlapping edges and a glabrous underside. The cluster is large, semi-sparse, truncated-pyramidal and winged. The berry is large, ellipsoidal, golden-yellow with an evident umbilicus; thick and pruinose skin; the flesh tends to be crunchy and the juice has a neutral, particular and sweet flavour.
Cultural aptitude: vine gifted with an excellent vigour. It has long, solid and elastic shoots, with medium internodes and a semi-upright growth habit. It adapts to the different hot-arid environments of Central-Southern Italy, both on the plain and on the hills.
Training system and pruning: it prefers medium-expanded training systems and a medium-long pruning.
Bud-burst period: average.
Ripening period: average-early.
Yield: good and constant.
Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: in particular years, it shows susceptibility to downy mildew and powdery mildew. It has a good resistance to drought, though not very resistant to summer heat.
Enological potential: it gives a warm, fragrant, golden-yellow wine that marsalises quickly, perfectly suited to the production of Marsala. With early harvesting it gives a straw-yellow wine with greenish highlights, a characteristic scent, a warm, harmonious, pleasant flavour with undisputed finesse. It is often used in blends with other grapes to which it adds finesse, strength and fragrance, especially with Catarratto and Grillo.
Clones in propagation: Ansonica VCR3.
Clones undergoing homologation procedure: VCR464, VCR467, VCR478.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1970	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	8,060	13,756	12,710	9,518	7,273

ANSONICA

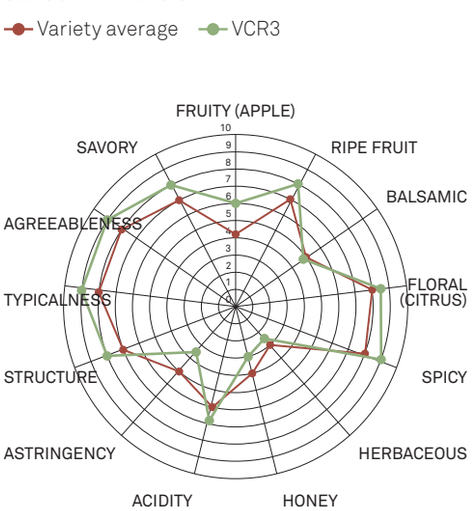
VCR3

Origin: Pitigliano (GR)

Registration year: 2006

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Enological potential: it gives wines with intense and prolonged fruity scents evolving into spicy, with good structure; as a single variety it is suitable for the production of still wines. It brings scent and structure to blending.

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