

## CATARRATTO BIANCO LUCIDO

*This ancient Sicilian variety is particularly common in the provinces of trapani, Palermo and Agrigento.*



**Ampelographic characters:** the bud has an expanded apex, it is cottony and greenish-white with a slight carmine-coloured marbling. The small to medium-sized, orbicular, five-lobed leaves have a v-shaped petiolar sinus, closed with overlapping edges. The underside is glabrous. The cluster is compact, medium in size, elongated and cylindrical. The medium- or small-sized (smaller than bianco comune), spheroidal or ellipsoidal berry has thick, pruinose skin and a sweet-flavoured flesh.

**Cultural aptitude:** vigorous vine with a semi-upright growth habit. It prefers hot and dry climates and not too fertile soils, better if hilly.

**Training system and pruning:** it prefers training systems with limited growth such as guyot or gobelet. Canopy management must be very careful, being this variety very susceptible to botrytis.

**Bud-burst period:** average.

**Ripening period:** average.

**Yield:** good and regular.

**Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions:** susceptible to botrytis and sour rot, less susceptible to downy and powdery mildew.

**Oenological potential:** it gives wines of a deep straw-yellow colour, often amber-coloured. The flavor is dry. If harvested early, the product it brings about is a straw-yellow-coloured wine, with greenish highlights and a fruity delicate and fresh scent. Good acidity.



### CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1970	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	29,152	20,042	9,791	7,547	6,121