



GRILLO

This vine originated in Apulia and it was brought to Sicily, in the Trapani area in particular, after the phylloxera invasion, where it spread rapidly.

Ampelographic characters: the variety has within itself a fair degree of variability in terms of vigour and cluster shape and size. The bud has a downy greenish-white apex. The medium-sized, pentagonal, five-lobed or almost entire leaves have a V-shaped petiolar sinus. The underside tends to be glabrous. The medium-sized, cylindrical-conical, sometimes winged, sparse or semi-compact cluster bears medium-large spherical berries with a thick and consistent skin and sweet and simply-flavoured flesh.

Cultural aptitude: vine of excellent vigour with an upright growth habit. It adapts to warm environments and to robust, slightly calcareous soils.

Training system and pruning: it prefers small training systems and short or medium pruning.

Bud-burst period: early.

Ripening period: average.

Yield: good and constant.

Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: normal. It has an excellent tolerance of high temperatures.

Enological potential: it produces straw-yellow, fruity-floral wines with a dry, slightly mineral, tannic flavour and good structure, suitable for long ageing and for blends with other wines or as a base for Marsala and Vermouth production.

Clones undergoing homologation procedure: VCR475, VCR478, VCR480.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1972	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	6,365	4,201	2,250	1,808	5,629