

## **Our company**

The Company La Gaetana, specialized in agricultural, was founded in 1970, based on an idea by Francesco La Gaetana, father of the two brothers Dario and Domenico. Generational transition has also led to an expansion of the family business in terms of volumes and product variety, as well as a continuous and scrupulous quality improvement during the years.

The company F.IIi La Gaetana S.S. has its headquarter in Palma di Montechiaro (AG). Overall, the company owns about 60 hectares of cultivated land, in the province of Agrigento, in particular between the Municipalities of Favara, Licata and Campobello di Licata. Grape production is the main activity of the company. The table grape represents 80% of the production; the remaining 20% of the production is concentrated on the production of grapes destined for wine. The varieties of white table grapes with cultivated seeds are "Vittoria" and "Uva Italia IGP", while the black grapes are "Red Globe" and "BlackPearl". The varieties of white seedless grapes grown are "Sugar Drop", while the rosé grapes are "Crimson".

### The Production chain

Always, we pay attention to all phases of production chain, since the phase of production to the selection phase process, packaging and shipping.

The production follow the guideline of the Integrated Management Guide.

In addition, the coding system used allows the traceability of the product from production to the final consumption stage. In order to preserve the organoleptic characteristics, the packaging of the product is done at the same time of the harvest, during the coolest hours of the day, while storage takes place at the conditioning center at the headquarter or the production is immediately sent directly to the final Customer by special transport with a controlled temperature to ensure maximum aromas and flavors of the product as just collected.





### The Production phase

The numerous land properties of the company and the different grape varieties grown, allow a continuous and constant harvest for a long period of time. The harvest period runs from June to December of each year. The harvest begins in June with the Vittoria and Sugar Drop varieties until mid-August, while the other varieties are harvested in the period from mid-August to the end of October until December.

The company has signed new collaboration contracts with International Fruit Genetics or "IF.G.", with the aim of providing customers with a varied list of grapes and with the aim of increasing its presence on the international market.







# The grape harvest

While making use of the most modern production technologies, the collection, selection and packaging of our grapes, today as in the past, it is carried out strictly by hand taking care of and respecting the delicacy of the fruit, guaranteeing a high quality standard while leaving the aromas unaltered of the land of origin.









# Our Products - Vittoria grapes

Marketing period:

mid-June - end of August



#### **PACKAGING**

- Cardboard

30x20 - 30x40 30x50 - 40x60

- **Wood** 30x40 30x50
- **Plastic trays** 500g and 1000g
- Carry bag
- Kraft paper bags

Victoria grape (or Vitoria grape) is a whitetablegrape variety.

Born from a particular cross between the Cardinal and the Queen grape made in Romania by the Dragasani Horticultural Research Institute, it is a very resistant type of grape, with large, pyramid-shaped bunches. The peel has high bloom concentrations, while the pulp is very fragrant and juicy.

It has a brix degree ranging from 12 to 15 and the weight of the bunch is around 800gr.

## Our Products - Italia IGP grapes

Marketing period:

end of August - end of November



#### PACKAGING

- Cardboard

30x20 - 30x40 30x50 - 40x60

- **Wood** 30x40 30x50
- **Plastic trays**500g and 1000g
- Carry bag
- Kraft paper bags

The Canicatti IGP table grape is the product obtained by crossing two varieties of grape varieties, Bicane and Moscato Hamburg. The result of this crossing is a good-looking, large and very resistant berry. It comes in clusters of yellow conical shape with medium-large berries. The flavor is sweet, with fleshy and crunchy pulp, with a Brix degree between 16 and 18. The geographical area of production of the "Italia grape" includes various areas falling within the Municipalities of Agrigento and Caltanissetta The soil and the typically Mediterranean climate, with dry summers and mild winters, contribute to obtaining a product with exceptional and unique organoleptic characteristics. Thus a typical Sicilian product is outlined that is totally linked to the production area.

# Our Products - Red Globe grapes

Marketing period:

mid-July - end of December

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- **Plastic trays** 500g and 1000g
- Carry bag
- Kraft paper bags

Conical-pyramidal, winged, semi-closed and large bunch.

Large, spherical and purplish-red berry with the ability to resist well
to adversities in plan and to long transports.

It also has medium-high flavor and sugar characteristics with a Brix degree of about 14.

### Our Products - Black Pearl Grapes

Marketing period:

mid-September - end of December



#### **PACKAGING**

- Cardboard

30x20 - 30x40 30x50 - 40x60

- **Wood** 30x40 30x50
- **Plastic trays** 500g and 1000g
- Carry bag
- Kraft paper bags

Cultivar of Californian origin with maturation at the end of September continues well until the end of December.

The bunch is very developed, conical in shape and loose. The berry is ovoid, very developed, and black-purplish in color, with good resistance to crushing and detachment. The pulp is white-purple, firm and with a neutral but pleasant flavor.

### Our Products - Grape Sugar Drop (seedless)

Marketing period:

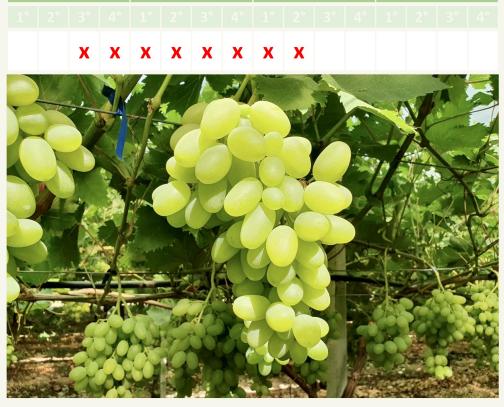
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mid-July-mid-September

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# PACKAGING - Cardboard

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- **Wood** 30x40 30x50
- **Plastic trays** 500g and 1000g
- Carry bag
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The Sugar Drop (ARRA 30) is a very early cultivar, which has one berry very crunchy, elongated, which can reach a weight of 8-9 gr. It is a very clear grape, white grape, which can also reach the yellow characteristics shades required by the national market. The bunches are large and with a high number of berries, for this reason their shortening is necessary. The Brix degrees can even reach 18-20 with balanced acidity.

# Our Products - Crimson Grapes (seedless)

Marketing period:

mid-September - end of December



#### **PACKAGING**

- Cardboard

30x20 - 30x40 30x50 - 40x60

- **Wood** 30x40 30x50
- Plastic trays

500g and 1000g

- Carry bag
- Kraft paper bags

Red-purple table grape characterized by organoleptic properties and unique aspects that make it highly appreciated by Consumers. It is a grape variety with an excellent shelf life and is available from September to December. It has a medium-large bunch weighing about 500-600 gr and pyramidal in shape.

The berries have an elongated shape, an intense red color, with a firm pulp and crunchy and with excellent taste characteristics



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