
Contrada Sciaranuova lies at
850 m / 2,788 ft asl.

Sciaranuova means «new flow» in
Sicilian and it refers to the recent
geological age of this soil which
was formed just 400 years old.

The soil is made of lava gravel
and the vines are 80 years of age.

Sciaranuova is a Contrada that,
year after year, stands out for its
well-defined character, shaped by
great balance and finesse



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THE VINTAGE:

The winter of 2023 gifted us with a snowfall the likes of which hadn't been seen for years, covering the vineyards lying above 800 meters with a thick white blanket. The water reserves benefited from the melting of this precious weather event, after the drought-stricken 2022 vintage.

However, 2023 was not all rosy. Spring was dry and mild until early May, when heavy rains and low temperatures persisted throughout June, disrupting the regular flowering process. Despite numerous interventions in the vineyards, organic treatments were not enough to stop the attacks of downy mildew, which reduced production across all vineyards, particularly affecting the earlier-ripening varieties. The summer was marked by record heat, with temperatures repeatedly hitting 40°C / 104°F in July.

Given the characteristics of the year, the red grapes ripened unevenly, making 2023 a true challenge. The key to quality this year was undoubtedly our manual harvest (which we have always practiced), allowing us to carefully select the best bunches to ensure the best terroir and varietal expression and integrity in our wines.

Contrada Sciaranuova is adapting very well to the erratic weather pattern of the last vintages. In this Contrada we decided to harvest on October 15th. The yields were very low, but the quality outstanding.

IN THE CELLAR:

After the alcohol fermentation in stainless steel vats the wine was aged for 19 months in large Slavonian oak barrels. 1,157 bottles were bottled during the waning moon of April 2025.

THE WINE:

In the glass, Sciaranuova reveals balance and finesse, with polished, silky tannins and distinctive mineral notes that form the backdrop to juicy red fruit. The aftertaste is long and savoury.