

VALLE DELL'ACATE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 2015 EDITION OF WIN-E ITACA WITH A DONATION OF ITS TOP WINE TANE' TO THE FOUNDATION PROGETTO ITACA ONLUS

JUNE 15TH: THE SUMMER PARTY WITH AUCTION "WINE AND LUXURY FOOD" AT THE PALAZZO CUSANI IN VIA BRERA IN MILAN

Ragusa, June 2015: **Valle dell'Acate**, the wine-producing estate directed by **Gaetana Jacoo** and Francesco Ferreri, now in its sixth generation of productive viticultural work, **will participate in the 2015 edition of the benefit auction Wine-e Itaca**.

The winery, committed to and sensitive to the needs of philanthropic activities, has donated to the Foundation Progetto Itaca Onlus a lot of their Tané (which includes several magnum bottles and others of a normal size), the top of the line wine of the estate, 100% Nero d'Avola. Tané, which in Sicilian dialect is the nickname for Gaetana, a deep garnet red in color, has an ample and complex aroma along with full and supple flavors and a long finish.

The donation of a lot of Valle dell'Acate's Tané will be auctioned during the Summer Party which will take place on June 15th at the Palazzo Cusani, Via Brera 13, in Milan.

The event, whose objective is to gather funds in support of the Foundation Progetto Itaca, will begin with an aperitif and will continue with a seated dinner during which 30 high quality lots of wine, among them Valle dell'Acate's Tané. The evening will conclude with music and dancing animated by DJ Viky Queen.

The target of the evening will be that of Milan's financial and entrepreneurial world, which will demonstrate again this year its social conscience through to an event which will join together philanthropy and entertainment.

Valle dell'Acate has sustained the Foundation Project Itaca since the year 2012.

Project Itaca Onlus ((<u>www.progettoitaca.org</u>) is the most important Italian Association of volunteer work on behalf of Mental Health. From the year 1999 to the present moment, the Association sustains projects involving information, prevention, support, and rehabilitation on behalf of persons affected by problems of mental health as well as initiatives of support for their families.

Valle dell'Acate, one of the more enterprising and best known working wineries in the viticultural panorama of southeastern Sicily, is run by **Gaetana Jacono**, who represents the sixth generation of cultivator-producers in the family. The winery is committed to a **greater visibility and recognition for the territory** and to the important typicality of this part of Sicily through the project "**7 terre for 7 vini**", seven territories for seven wines, which aims at the **communication of the viticultural culture of its home area and the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices.** Valle dell'Acate offers a series of wines of indisputable quality, warm, dynamic, and fragrant: the famous

DOCG Cerasuolo di Vittoria, the DOC II Frappato, Bidis, and Zagra, the IGT (Typical Geographical Indication) wines Rusciano, Tané and II Moro, the last of which, since the 2012 vintage, has become a DOC wine as well and is produced in the finest vintages from a selection of the finest grape bunches. With an annual production of approximately 400,000 bottles, Valle' delll'Acate's wines are exported with success all over the world and have reached, in addition to the USA, Europe, and Canda, the emerging markets of Asia, from Japan to China, from Russia to India, and are, additionally well positioned in Italy, particularly in Sicily.

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