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# Phylogenetic Relationship Among Wild and Cultivated Grapevine in Sicily: A Hotspot in the Middle of the Mediterranean Basin

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Grapevine (*Vitis vinifera* ssp. *sativa*) is a perennial crop especially important for wine and fruit production. The species is highly polymorphic with thousands of different varieties selected by farmers and clonally propagated. However, it is still debated whether grapevine domestication from its wild ancestor (*V. vinifera* ssp. *sylvestris*) has been a single event or rather it occurred on multiple occasions during the diffusion of its cultivation across the Mediterranean. Located in the center of the Basin, Sicily is its largest island and has served as a hotspot for all civilizations that have crossed the Mediterranean throughout history. Hundreds of unique grapevine cultivars are still cultivated in Sicily and its surrounding minor islands, though most of them are menaced by extinction. Wild grapevine is also present with isolated populations thriving along riverbanks. With the aim to evaluate the phylogenetic relationships among Sicilian varieties, and to assess the possible contribution of indigenous wild populations to the genetic makeup of cultivated grapevine, we analyzed 170 domestic cultivars and 125 wild plants, collected from 10 different populations, with 23 SSR markers. We also compared our data with published dataset from Eurasia. Results show that Sicilian wild populations are related to the cultivated Sicilian and Italian germplasm, suggesting events of introgression and/or domestication of local varieties.

**Keywords:** grapevine, *Vitis vinifera* subsp. *sativa*, *Vitis vinifera* subsp. *sylvestris*, domestication, SSR

## INTRODUCTION

Grapevine (*Vitis vinifera* L.) is one of the most widespread and economically important perennial crops on the planet. It was estimated that in 2016 the world vineyard area was 7.4 million hectares, with a production of 76 million tons of fresh grapes and 269 million hectoliters (mhl) of wine (<http://www.oiv.int/>). The cultivation of the domesticated grape (*V. vinifera* L. subsp. *sativa* (DC.) Hegi) is believed to have started at least 7,000–8,000 years ago from its wild progenitor (*V. vinifera* L. subsp. *sylvestris* (Gmel.) Hegi (McGovern, 2003). Archaeological and historical studies evidenced that the primary center of domestication of the grapevine is located between the Near East (Zohary et al., 1996) and the Transcaucasian region (Olmo, 1976), then the grapevine spread around the Mediterranean, following the main civilizations (Carthaginians, Etruscans, Phoenicians, Greeks, and Romans) (McGovern, 2003). During its spreading across the Western Mediterranean regions,

the grapevine increased its genetic variability due to the contribution of multiple genetic pools and progressive human selection (Bacilieri et al., 2013). Different studies support the presence of secondary domestication centers, where spontaneous hybridizations among cultivated forms and local wild plants, or direct selection, generated the pattern of the modern Western European cultivars (Grassi et al., 2003; Arroyo-García et al., 2006; Myles et al., 2011; De Andrés et al., 2012; Riaz et al., 2018). Nowadays, more than 6,000 cultivated varieties are recorded (Lacombe et al., 2013; in OIV, 2017). The genotypes of the cultivated vine are highly heterozygous and most of the modern cultivars are hermaphrodite, self-fertile, and easily crossed (This et al., 2006). Several authors reported a high genetic diversity within the subsp. *sativa*, although it was recently demonstrated that such variability is included within a complex network of close pedigree relationships, derived by crosses among elite cultivars (Myles et al., 2011).

The domestic and the wild vine can be distinguished by morphological differences concerning leaves, flowers, and fruits, although in most cases the distinction of wild grape is hampered by the gene flow between the two subspecies (Di Vecchi-Staraz et al., 2009). The wild grapevine is a dioecious liana that grows in northern Africa, Europe, and the Near and Middle East, in areas between 30° and 50° north latitude. In central and eastern Europe, it thrives in mixed deciduous forests in correspondence with warmer (southern exposure) and humid (valleys of the Rhine, the Loire, the Rhone, the Danube, etc.) microclimates, while in the Mediterranean region it mainly participates in the riparian woodlands (pure or mixed populations dominated by poplars, willows, elms, ash trees, alders in areas with shallow water; pioneer shrub communities with tamarisks and oleanders along the middle-terminal section of the streams; mixed stands with holm and downy oak; shrubby mantle assemblages). At present time wild grapevine has become rather rare due to several forms of human disturbance, such as habitat destruction and fragmentation, silvicultural practices, diffusion of pathogens (e.g., oïdium, phylloxera, mildew, and viruses), improper management of natural environment, and hybridization with domestic forms (Arrigo and Arnold, 2007; Zecca et al., 2010; Garfi et al., 2013; Pacifico et al., 2016; Arnold et al., 2017). Gene flow between wild and cultivated grapevines was confirmed in several countries such as Spain (Arroyo-García et al., 2006; De Andrés et al., 2012), Italy (Zecca et al., 2010) and Georgia (Elkhaia et al., 2014). In the last years, molecular methods based on the use of microsatellite (SSR) (This et al., 2004; Grassi et al., 2008; Carimi et al., 2011; Lacombe et al., 2013; Emanuelli et al., 2013) and, more recently, on single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers (Salmaso et al., 2004; Myles et al., 2011; Emanuelli et al., 2013; Laucou et al., 2018; De Lorenzis et al., 2019), as well as on genome sequencing (Zhou et al., 2017) allowed not only to improve the discrimination between wild and cultivated populations, but also to study the relationships among different cultivated varieties and wild accessions.

In Italy, grapevine cultivation is reported since the second half of the 2nd millennium BCE, starting from the Southern regions and then moving northward in the second part of the 1st millennium (Hopf, 1991; Forni, 2012). However, the recent discovery of a large storage jar containing tartaric acid could date

back to the Copper Age (early 4th–3rd millennium BCE) the origin of winemaking in Sicily (Tanasi et al., 2017). Sicily and its satellite islets host a rich vascular flora and due to its central position in the Mediterranean, the island has played and still plays a key role in connecting both plant and human populations of neighboring Mediterranean countries. Among plant species *V. vinifera* subsp. *sylvestris* is also present in the region with isolated populations mainly thriving along riverbanks (Garfi et al., 2013). Moreover, the island boasts a very ancient and rich tradition of viticulture practices and more than 70 different cultivars have been found in mainland Sicily (Carimi et al., 2010; Carimi et al., 2011). In addition, the Sicilian minor islets have recently emerged as a hotspot of genetic diversity for grapevine. Genetic analyses of this germplasm showed that at least 75 different genetic profiles are present in the Aeolian and Pelagie archipelagos, and the isles of Pantelleria and Ustica. Most of these genetic profiles (39) were not listed in national and international grapevine databases (Gristina et al., 2017). Such notable variety may have originated from domestication of wild autochthonous grapevines as well as from introduction of domesticated varieties from different regions during various historical periods.

In order to provide meaningful insights into grapevine evolution and domestication in the Mediterranean Basin, in this work, we compared the unique plant material constituted by the relict populations of Sicilian wild grapevine to the cultivated local germplasm, as well as to grapevine accessions from Western Europe and Central Asia. To evaluate the phylogenetic relationships among Sicilian varieties, and to assess the possible contribution of indigenous wild populations to the genetic makeup of cultivated grapevines, we analyzed with 23 nuclear SSR markers 170 local cultivars (*V. vinifera* spp. *sativa*), from the main Island and surrounding archipelagos, and 125 wild plants (*V. vinifera* spp. *sylvestris*) collected from 10 different Sicilian populations.

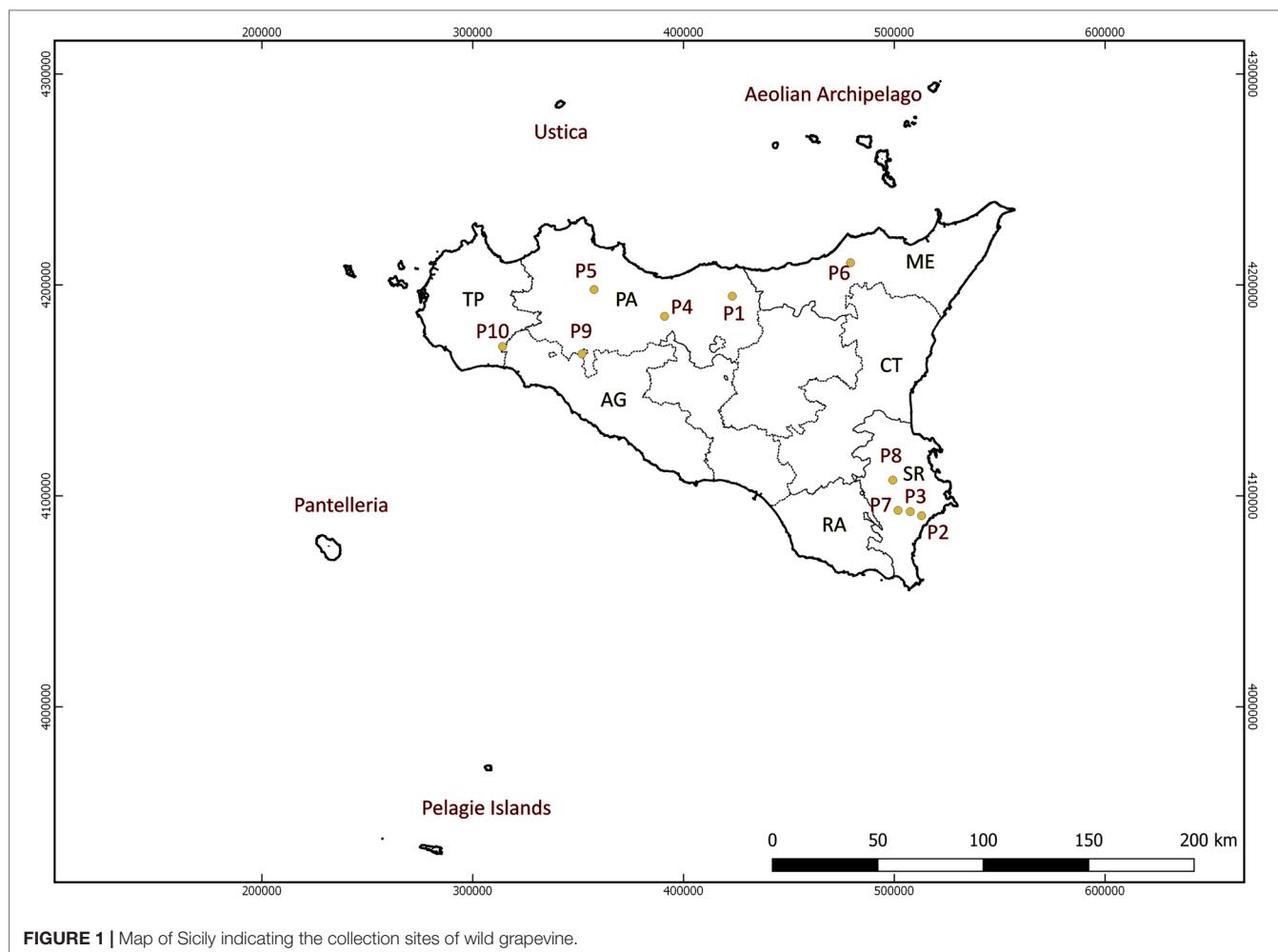
## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant Materials, Study Sites, and Sampling

The list of cultivated and wild accessions analyzed in this study includes all the cultivars that had already been described as traditionally cultivated in Sicily and its minor islands (Carimi et al., 2010; Carimi et al., 2011; Gristina et al., 2017) and all the natural populations identified so far (Garfi et al., 2013), plus other cultivated and wild accessions collected in subsequent surveys.

Most part of the grapevine cultivars and the wild germplasm collected in the field is conserved in the germplasm repository for perennial plants by the Institute of Biosciences and BioResources of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR-IBBR) located in Collesano district (province of Palermo), Italy (37°59'19.9"N, 13°54'55.8"E, 80 m a.s.l.).

Wild *Vitis* germplasm was collected during several surveys between 2007 and 2016 in the main mountainous and protected areas of Sicily (Figure 1). Considering the morphologic resemblance of wild and cultivated grapevines, in order to reduce as much as possible the risk of collecting plants deriving from naturalized grapevine cultivars or rootstocks, the sampling strategy for *V. sylvestris* was based on the main



differentiating reference traits used to distinguish wild grapevines from domesticated ones (Olmo, 1976; Garfi et al., 2013). Morphological data acquired *in situ* were integrated by 3–5 years of ampelographic studies carried out on grafted plants at the CNR-IBBR germplasm repository. In total, we collected 131 plants (**Supplementary Table S1**) from 10 different populations (**Supplementary Table S2**). Following molecular screening, four clones (3076 = 3074-P6, 3045 = 3058 = 3059 P4, 3139 = 3140-P10) and two feral forms (3109-P8, 3143-P10) were excluded from further analysis (final wild samples analyzed = 125).

Cultivated germplasm was collected between 2006 and 2017 directly from old vineyards. The cultivated accessions were selected following the indications of farmers and labeled for subsequent analysis and plant propagation. In total, 104 accessions were collected from Sicily and 66 from the surrounding minor islands (**Table 1**).

## DNA Extraction and SSR Analysis

Total genomic DNA was extracted from young leaves or inner wood of young cuttings. Tissues were ground into fine powder with liquid nitrogen and stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until use. The extraction was carried out following the CTAB method (Doyle and Doyle,

1987). DNA was diluted in water to a final concentration of 10 ng/ $\mu\text{l}$ , and its quality assessed by spectrophotometric measurements.

Samples were analyzed at 23 SSR loci (Simple Sequence Repeat), i.e., VVS2 (Thomas and Scott, 1993), VVMD5, VVMD6, VVMD7, VVMD17, VVMD21, VVMD24, VVMD25, VVMD27, VVMD28, VVMD32 (Bowers et al., 1996; Bowers et al., 1999), VrZAG62, VrZAG79 (Sefc et al., 1999), VMC1b11 (Zyprian and Töpfer, 2005), VMC4f3.1 (Di Gaspero et al., 2000), VVIb01, VVIh54, VVI<sub>n</sub>16, VVI<sub>n</sub>73, VVIp31, VVIp60, VVIq52, and VVIv67 (Merdinoglu et al., 2005). Forward primers were labeled with one of four fluorescent dyes: 6-FAM, ATTO550, ATTO565, or Yakima Yellow. SSRs were grouped in six multiplex pools, each comprising three or four SSRs marked by different dyes, and characterized by similar annealing temperatures (**Supplementary Table S3**). Twenty- $\mu\text{g}$  DNA per sample were amplified in 96 wells plates by using either the MyTaq HS (Bioline) or the DreamTaq HS (ThermoFisher) DNA polymerases with the following conditions: 15 min at  $95^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Taq activation step), followed by seven cycles consisting of 30 s at  $94^{\circ}\text{C}$  (denaturation), 90 s at the appropriate annealing temperature (**Supplementary Table S3**; touch-down step, with temperature decreasing by  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  each cycle), 1 min at  $72^{\circ}\text{C}$  (extension). Additional 25 cycles with the same conditions maintained the final annealing temperature constant (**Supplementary Table S3**). Finally, the final PCR step

**TABLE 1** | List of cultivated and wild accessions of *Vitis vinifera* (295) grouped into groups based on their geographic origin and analyzed by 23 SSR markers. The number of samples for each group is presented in brackets.

<b><i>V. vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> (170) <i>V. vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i> (125)</b>	
Sicily main Island (104)	<b>P1</b> Castelbuono, Madonie Mts., Palermo (16)
Agrigento (8)	<b>P2</b> Cava Grande Cassibile, Iblei Mts. Syracuse (14)
Catania (19)	<b>P3</b> Cava Sturia, Iblei Mts. Syracuse (4)
Messina (9)	<b>P4</b> Riserva Boschi Favara and Granza, Torto Valley Palermo (16)
Palermo (22)	<b>P5</b> Bosco della Ficuzza, Sicani Mts. Palermo (9)
Ragusa (7)	<b>P6</b> Stretta di Longi, Nebrodi Mts. Messina (12)
Syracuse (21)	<b>P7</b> Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. Syracuse (14)
Trapani (18)	<b>P8</b> Riserva Pentalica and Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. Syracuse (13)
Circum-Sicilian Islands (66)	<b>P9</b> Fiume Sosio, Sicani Mts. Agrigento (20)
Aeolian Archipelago (39)	<b>P10</b> Riserva Zangara, Belice Valley Trapani (7)
Pelagie Islands (3)	
Pantelleria Island (18)	
Ustica Island (6)	

In bold the wild populations code.

was set for 30 min at 60°C. PCR products were size-separated by capillary electrophoresis performed on a genetic analyzer (ABI Data analysis Prism3130, Applied Biosystems, Inc.) by an external service (Eurofins Genomics, Germany). Electropherograms were visually verified by Gene Mapper v. 5.0 software. Allele size was estimated by comparing the fragment peaks with the internal size standard, using the default method for size calling with SSR and the expected repeat size. To correct for amplification shifts among different PCRs, SSR profiles were normalized by including in each amplification run the DNA of standard cultivars Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Zibibbo. For comparison with the published dataset from Riaz et al. (2018), we used a subset of common core of 17 SSRs, excluding VrZAG62, VrZAG69, VVS2, VVMD5, VVMD17, and VVMD6 from our profiles. For normalization among datasets, we used two common varieties, namely Sangiovese (present with the synonym Minutidda in our dataset) and Zibibbo.

## Data Analysis

To identify ferals, i.e., wild accessions with at least one cultivated parent, we performed a parentage analysis between Sicilian *sylvestris* and cultivated accessions using Bayes' theorem with the R/Solomon package (Christie et al., 2013). The identified ferals (2) were removed from the set of genotypes on which the analyses were performed.

Several diversity parameters were estimated using GenAlEx 6.5 (Peakall and Smouse, 2012): the number of alleles per locus (Na), the number of effective alleles per locus (Ne), the observed (Ho) and expected (He) heterozygosity (Nei, 1978; Nei, 1987), and the fixation index (F). At population level, pairwise Nei's genetic distances and Fst value were calculated. Inbreeding coefficients Fis and Fit were calculated using Arlequin ver. 3.5.2.2 (Excoffier and Lischer, 2010).

The NJ (Neighbor-Joining) phylogenetic tree was designed by using R/ggtree package (Yu et al., 2017) with Nei's distance. The bootstrap analysis was performed based on 1,000 resamplings.

Genetic relationships among the studied genotypes were investigated by Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components

(DAPC). DAPC, implemented in the R/adegenet (Jombart, 2008), was performed to infer population subdivision of the analyzed collection, regardless of the geographic origin. The number of principal components (PCs) retained was evaluated using the cross-validation procedure.

Principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) was performed by GenAlEx 6.5 via Covariance matrix with data standardization.

To identify the number of genetic groups in the wild populations and to investigate their relationships with domesticated cultivars we used the software STRUCTURE version 2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000) that employs a model-based Bayesian clustering method. The estimate of the most likely number of genetic groups (Ks) was performed following Pritchard and Wen (2003) and the simulation study by Evanno et al. (2005), which proposed an *ad hoc* statistic, DELTA K. For each K, 20 independent runs (100,000 burn-in, 1,000,000 Marchov Chain Monte Carlo) were carried out. All runs were performed with the admixture model. The 20 runs were averaged using the software CLUMPP (CLuster Matching and Permutation Program; Jakobsson and Rosenberg, 2007), and shown in histograms using the program Distruct (Rosenberg, 2004). For the hierarchical analysis, samples showing an ancestry value lower than 0.80 to any cluster were removed. The remaining subsets, one for each cluster, were independently subject to a second round of STRUCTURE analysis, as in Emanuelli et al. (2013), following the procedure described above.

## RESULTS

### Flower Characterization

One of the most obvious traits distinguishing *sativa* vs. *sylvestris* subspecies is the flower structure, since wild grapevine is dioecious whereas flowers of *V. vinifera* subs. *sativa* are usually hermaphroditic. In order to verify that plants collected in putative wild populations showed the dioecious phenotype, we analyzed flower morphology either during collection, or in subsequent years for those plants that had been transferred in the germplasm repository. Supplementary Table S1 indicates the flower morphology for each plant. As expected, all the 170 cultivated plants had hermaphroditic flowers. Among the wild plants, we could assign a gender only to 122 out of 131 plants (93%), since in nine plants flowers and fruits were not evident at the collection time, and the scions did not survive grafting in the germplasm repository. Among the remainders, 68 plants were clearly females and 54 males, thus allowing us to exclude hermaphrodite plants that are usually considered feral or naturalized forms.

### Genetic Diversity in the Sicilian Germplasm

The Sicilian wild and cultivated germplasm was first screened to identify clones and ferals. The four clones and two ferals identified by parentage analysis were then removed from our dataset.

The genetic profiles of the 170 cultivated and 125 wild accessions at 23 nuclear SSR loci are shown in Supplementary Table S4, and their statistics in Table 2. The total number of alleles (Na) was 314,

**TABLE 2** | Genetic diversity indices calculated for 295 distinct Sicilian genotypes belonging to *sativa* and *sylvestris* accessions.

Locus	N	Na	Ne	Ho	He	F
VVS2	281	14	5.6	0.829	0.821	-0.011
VVMD5	278	17	7.4	0.662	0.865	0.235
VVMD6	284	11	4.8	0.673	0.793	0.151
VVMD7	288	18	5.3	0.823	0.812	-0.014
VVMD17	287	10	3.2	0.408	0.683	0.403
VVMD21	286	15	2.8	0.570	0.646	0.118
VVMD24	283	9	2.9	0.572	0.654	0.124
VVMD25	278	12	4.6	0.705	0.782	0.098
VVMD27	290	13	6.0	0.807	0.833	0.032
VVMD28	262	24	8.8	0.748	0.887	0.156
VVMD32	276	13	5.7	0.783	0.825	0.052
VrZag62	283	11	7.4	0.859	0.865	0.007
VrZag79	281	13	5.2	0.722	0.809	0.107
VMC1b11	285	16	4.5	0.821	0.778	-0.056
VMC4f3.1	291	17	8.7	0.832	0.885	0.061
VVlb01	280	11	2.9	0.639	0.656	0.026
VVlh54	281	16	3.7	0.541	0.727	0.255
VVln16	283	8	3.4	0.640	0.704	0.092
VVln73	295	8	1.4	0.268	0.308	0.131
VVlp31	276	17	7.7	0.793	0.870	0.088
VVlp60	282	15	4.3	0.745	0.769	0.031
VVlg52	284	9	3.5	0.739	0.712	-0.039
VVlv67	284	17	6.5	0.768	0.846	0.092
Mean	282.5	13.7	5.06	0.693	0.762	0.093
Standard Error	1.348	0.809	0.418	0.030	0.026	0.022
Total		314				

Mean value over total samples for each Locus: N, sample size; Na, Number of alleles per locus; Ne, Number of effective alleles; Ho, Observed heterozygosity; He, Expected heterozygosity; F, Fixation index.

with a mean value per locus of 13.7. The marker VVIn73 showed the lowest values of Na, effective alleles (Ne), observed and expected heterozygosity (Ho and He), whereas the marker VVMD28 the highest values, with the exception of Ho, where the maximum was present in VrZag62. The F value ranged from -0.056 (VMC1b11) to 0.403 (VVMD17), with a mean value of 0.093.

Genetic diversity analysis at population level shows that the number of alleles (Na) was similar between the cultivated pool (11.8) and the wild pool (10.8 as average), with wild populations ranging from 2.8 (P3, P4) to 7.0 (P9) (**Table 3**). For the number of effective alleles (Ne), the lowest value was in P4. In the cultivated pool, the observed and expected heterozygosity (Ho and He) were similar (0.697 and 0.741, respectively). The fixation index (F) and the inbreeding coefficient (Fis) were close to zero (0.067 and 0.025, respectively). In wild populations, P1 showed a marked positive F value (0.143), while in the other populations F was negative or close to zero, with P4 showing the lowest value (-0.567). Similarly Fis was strongly negative in P4 showing the lowest Fis value (-0.715).

The pairwise Nei's genetic distances and Fst values for all the wild populations and the cultivated pool is shown in **Table 4**. Nei's genetic distance ranged from 0.926 (P4-P5) to 0.083 (P8-cultivated). Fst values confirmed the pattern, with the highest value 0.324 for the pair P5-P4 and the lowest value 0.025 for cultivated-P8. Comparing the wild accessions altogether with the cultivated pool, Nei's genetic distance was 0.147, Fst 0.042 ( $p < 0.001$ ), Fis 0.02667 ( $p < 0.001$ ) and Fit 0.07406 ( $p < 0.001$ ).

The genetic diversity of wild and cultivated Sicilian grapevines was first assessed by DAPC analysis of the SSR profiles (**Figure**

**2A**). The cultivated samples formed a compact cluster in the upper right part of the graph, whereas the wild samples were scattered along the left and the lower sides of the axes. Populations 4 and 5 were the most divergent along the y and x axes, respectively. P4 formed a separate pool, neither related to the other wild populations nor to the cultivated cluster; P5 was less homogeneous and it was clearly connected to other wild populations, yet it stood the furthest apart from the cultivated pool. Interestingly, three samples from wild populations, from P1, P6, and P8, lied amidst the cluster of *sativa*, possibly indicating cases of genetic introgression. Conversely, few cultivated samples fell close to *sylvestris* pools. These cultivars were: Bracaù, Lorisi, Mantonico B, and Tintorè (**Supplementary Dataset S1**).

Samples were also discriminated by PCoA analysis, that is based on genetic distances (**Figure 2B**). The distribution pattern closely resembled the one originated by DAPC, with P4 forming an isolated pool, and the cultivated samples clustering on one side of the main axis. Interestingly, the PCoA confirmed that individual plants from P1, P6, and P8 were admixed within the cultivated cluster.

A third independent analysis of the genetic diversity in Sicilian wild and cultivated germplasm was performed by using STRUCTURE. With this method, the most likely sorting indicated two genetic clusters, A and B (**Figure 2C, Supplementary Dataset S1**). Almost all the cultivated plants (98%) belonged to the cluster B (**Figure 2D**). Of these, most of them (95%) had an ancestry value higher than 0.65, and 86% higher than 0.80, indicating a strong link to this cluster (**Supplementary Dataset S1**). Cluster B also included all samples

**TABLE 3** | Genetic diversity estimates for wild populations and cultivated grapevines accessions analyzed from Sicily.

Population		N	Na	Ne	Ho	He	F	Fis
P1 - <i>sylvestris</i> (16)	Mean	15.1	5.7	3.5	0.578	0.670	0.143	0.076
	SE	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.043	0.026	0.054	0.054
P2 - <i>sylvestris</i> (14)	Mean	13.9	5.9	3.8	0.684	0.698	0.024	0.054
	SE	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.039	0.025	0.040	0.039
P3 - <i>sylvestris</i> (4)	Mean	3.6	2.8	2.3	0.699	0.527	-0.343	-0.300
	SE	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.056	0.034	0.080	0.092
P4 - <i>sylvestris</i> (16)	Mean	15.7	2.8	2.0	0.739	0.452	-0.567	-0.715
	SE	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.080	0.035	0.105	0.107
P5 - <i>sylvestris</i> (9)	Mean	8.8	4.2	3.0	0.750	0.632	-0.176	-0.122
	SE	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.047	0.027	0.048	0.049
P6 - <i>sylvestris</i> (12)	Mean	12.0	5.7	3.3	0.612	0.653	0.072	0.089
	SE	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.042	0.026	0.044	0.043
P7 - <i>sylvestris</i> (14)	Mean	13.6	4.4	3.1	0.760	0.634	-0.200	-0.233
	SE	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.042	0.027	0.046	0.046
P8 - <i>sylvestris</i> (13)	Mean	12.5	6.0	3.9	0.699	0.710	0.015	-0.006
	SE	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.034	0.026	0.035	0.035
P9 - <i>sylvestris</i> (20)	Mean	19.2	7.0	4.1	0.680	0.691	0.012	-0.037
	SE	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.038	0.035	0.033	0.033
P10 - <i>sylvestris</i> (7)	Mean	7.0	3.8	2.9	0.737	0.627	-0.179	-0.120
	SE	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.052	0.024	0.070	0.070
Total <i>sylvestris</i> (125)	Mean	121.2	10.8	4.6	0.689	0.748	0.082	0.029
	SE	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.029	0.025	0.021	0.020
sativa (170)	Mean	161.3	11.8	4.7	0.697	0.741	0.067	0.025
	SE	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.037	0.028	0.031	0.031
range		3.6–161.3	2.7–11.7	1.9–4.6	0.57–0.76	0.45–0.74	-0.56–0.14	-0.71–0.08

Mean value over loci for each population. N, number of samples; Na, number of alleles per population; Ne, number of effective alleles; Ho, Observed heterozygosity; He, Expected heterozygosity; F, Fixation index; Fis, inbreeding coefficient (within individuals relative to the rest of their subpopulation); SE, standard error. Numbers in brackets represent the number of accessions per group.

**TABLE 4** | Estimates of pairwise Fst values (below the diagonal) and Unbiased Nei's genetic distance (above the diagonal) within overall wild and cultivated Sicilian accessions.

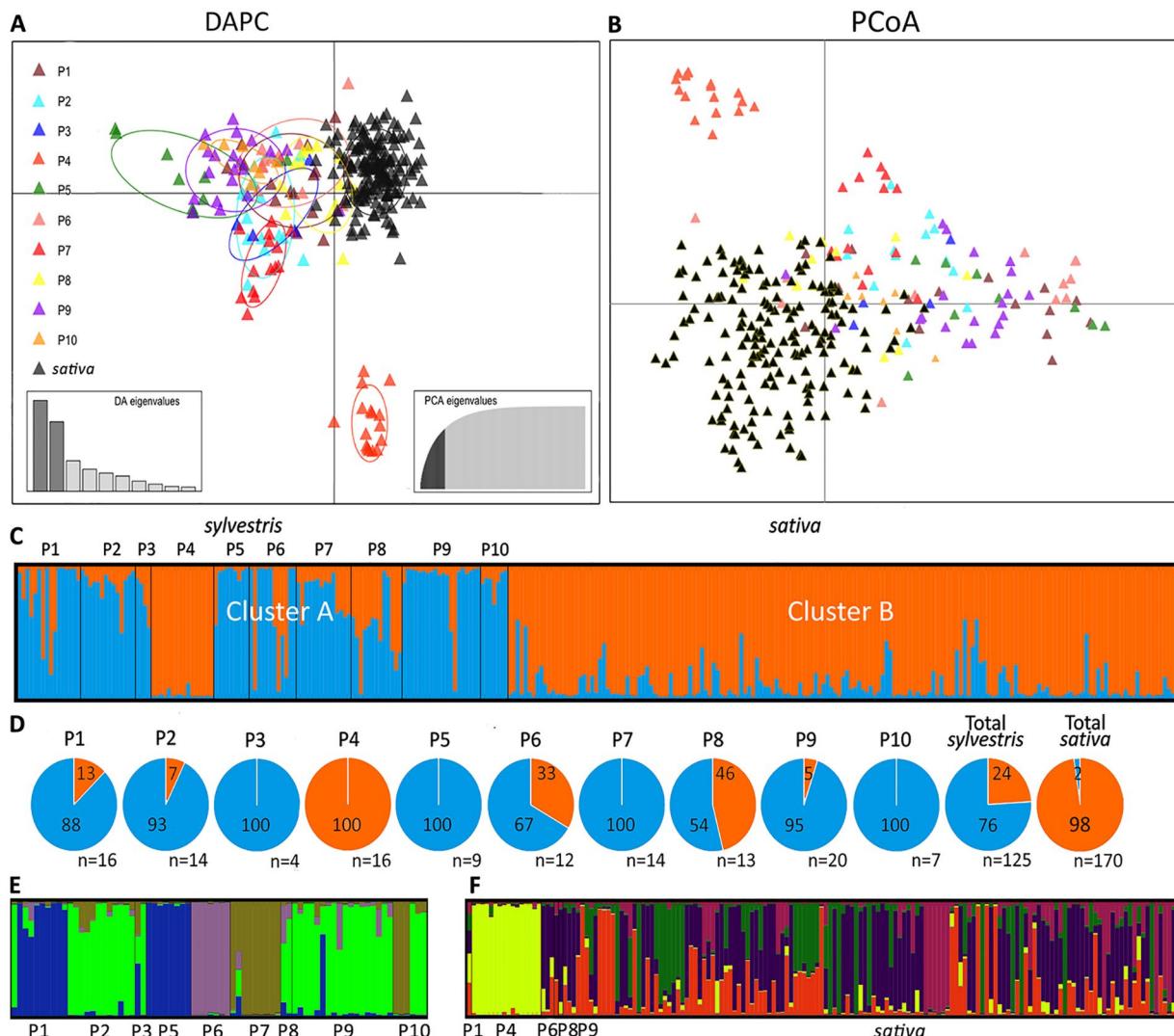
	P1 <i>sylvestris</i>	P2 <i>sylvestris</i>	P3 <i>sylvestris</i>	P4 <i>sylvestris</i>	P5 <i>sylvestris</i>	P6 <i>sylvestris</i>	P7 <i>sylvestris</i>	P8 <i>sylvestris</i>	P9 <i>sylvestris</i>	P10 <i>sylvestris</i>	sativa
P1 <i>sylvestris</i>		0.161	0.319	0.596	0.270	0.285	0.298	0.182	0.202	0.326	0.291
P2 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.054</b>		0.192	0.380	0.423	0.210	0.170	0.112	0.134	0.281	0.225
P3 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.061</b>		0.592	0.377	0.382	0.393	0.270	0.257	0.397	0.334
P4 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.241</b>	<b>0.191</b>	<b>0.288</b>		0.926	0.635	0.325	0.298	0.606	0.582	0.315
P5 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.093</b>	<b>0.124</b>	<b>0.134</b>	<b>0.324</b>		0.467	0.486	0.452	0.300	0.347	0.575
P6 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.096</b>	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0.268</b>	<b>0.148</b>		0.377	0.243	0.170	0.415	0.361
P7 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.097</b>	<b>0.062</b>	<b>0.122</b>	<b>0.182</b>	<b>0.155</b>	<b>0.128</b>		0.193	0.268	0.309	0.263
P8 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.049</b>	<b>0.037</b>	<b>0.070</b>	<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.128</b>	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.068</b>		0.167	0.193	0.083
P9 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.061</b>	<b>0.043</b>	<b>0.072</b>	<b>0.233</b>	<b>0.095</b>	<b>0.059</b>	<b>0.088</b>	<b>0.049</b>		0.221	0.310
P10 <i>sylvestris</i>	<b>0.104</b>	<b>0.090</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>0.277</b>	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0.135</b>	<b>0.115</b>	<b>0.066</b>	<b>0.073</b>		0.268
sativa	<b>0.079</b>	<b>0.062</b>	<b>0.081</b>	<b>0.138</b>	<b>0.137</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.078</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.077</b>	

In bold significant Fst values with  $p \leq 0.01$  calculated over 999 permutations.

from wild population P4, all of them with ancestry values higher than 0.80, and few individuals from P1, P6, and P8. Cluster A included the majority (76%) of wild plants. Looking in detail the ancestry values of each population, P3, P5, P7, and P10 had all individuals belonging to cluster A. The remaining populations, with the exception of the above mentioned P4, showed variable degrees of association to cluster A (ranging from 95% of P9 to 54% of P8). The association strength to cluster A was high for all wild populations, with ancestry values higher than 0.80 in most cases. The exceptions were P4, as discussed above, and P8, that was equally mixed between the two clusters, and showed low

ancestry values (<0.65) in most cases. Interestingly, the cluster A also included four cultivated plants (2% of all cultivated). These varieties are Austina bianca, Bracaù, Giugnatica, and Mantonico B. However, the ancestry values were lower than 0.65 for all these plants, indicating a weak association to the cluster.

Since STRUCTURE did not differentiate among the wild populations, except P4, and between P4 and the cultivated pool, we performed a hierarchical STRUCTURE analysis on the outcome of the first round. In the second round, samples from cluster A split into four subclusters (**Figure 2E, Supplementary Dataset S1**). Only two populations, P3 and P10, were equally



**FIGURE 2 |** Analyses of Sicilian *sativa* and *sylvestris* germplasm. Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC) **(A)**; Principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) **(B)**; first round of STRUCTURE **(C)** with percentage (pies) for each cluster and population **(D)**; second round of STRUCTURE for cluster A **(E)** and cluster B **(F)**.

split between two subclusters. Each remaining population belonged exclusively (P2, P5, P6, P7, P8) or predominantly (90% P1; 94% P9) to single subclusters. For cluster B, the second round of STRUCTURE revealed five subclusters (**Figure 2F, Supplementary Dataset S1**). While the cultivated accessions and the few wild individuals of P1, P6, P8, and P9 (that in the first round grouped in cluster B) showed a very mixed pattern among the five subclusters, all individuals from P4 strongly grouped together in a private subcluster (ancestry value > 0.80 in all cases; **Supplementary Dataset S1**).

Finally, genetic distances among the Sicilian samples were also visualized in a phylogenetic tree (**Supplementary Figure S1**). The tree confirmed that most of *sylvestris* populations formed compact branches, indicating that individuals within a population were closely related with each other. The exception was P8 and a small part of P1, P6, and P9, whose individuals were interspersed among the cultivated samples.

## Relationship of Sicilian vs. Mediterranean and Central Asian Germplasm

Recently, Riaz et al. (2018) analyzed a large set of cultivated and wild grapevine accessions from across the Mediterranean basin and Central Asia by 20 nuclear SSRs. In order to frame the genetic structure of the Sicilian germplasm within the geographical distribution of the species, we compared the profiles of 17 SSRs, that represented a common set in the two datasets. The genetic parameters for the markers analyzed are shown in **Table 5**. Overall, ranges and mean values of each parameter were similar to those of the Sicilian germplasm. In the wider survey, we observed a higher number of alleles ( $N_a$  and  $N_e$ ), indicating an increased polymorphism in the largest dataset, as expected, especially since Central Asian populations are characterized by high genetic diversity (Riaz et al., 2018).

Since the dataset by Riaz et al. (2018) contains 289 Italian wild accessions, we first compared our Sicilian wild samples

**TABLE 5** | Genetic diversity indices calculated for 1,673 genotypes from Europe to Asia belonging to *sativa* and *sylvestris* accessions.

Locus	Na	Ne	Ho	He	F
VVMD7	20	8.531	0.771	0.883	0.127
VVMD21	21	3.350	0.489	0.702	0.303
VVMD24	13	4.304	0.648	0.768	0.156
VVMD25	23	5.342	0.738	0.813	0.092
VVMD27	22	5.823	0.686	0.828	0.172
VVMD28	32	8.850	0.730	0.887	0.177
VVMD32	19	11.006	0.732	0.909	0.195
VMC1b11	24	6.919	0.702	0.855	0.179
VMC4f3.1	32	8.038	0.796	0.876	0.091
VVlb01	20	3.637	0.635	0.725	0.125
VVlh54	25	5.781	0.653	0.827	0.210
VVln16	14	3.173	0.602	0.685	0.121
VVln73	15	2.170	0.423	0.539	0.216
VVlp31	26	11.012	0.791	0.909	0.130
VVlp60	20	7.152	0.729	0.860	0.152
VVlq52	13	3.927	0.559	0.745	0.250
VVlv67	27	9.553	0.754	0.895	0.158
Mean	21.529	6.387	0.673	0.806	0.168
Standard Error	1.420	0.675	0.026	0.024	0.013
Total	366				

Na, Number of alleles per locus; Ne, Number of effective alleles; Ho, Observed heterozygosity; He, Expected heterozygosity; F, Fixation index.

against this subset. PCoA analysis showed that the two pools were clearly separated, and that the Sicilian samples were characterized by higher diversity along the second axis (**Supplementary Figure S2**). Therefore, the Sicilian wild dataset was not redundant with the Italian dataset, and it could be compared with all the other samples.

The DAPC analysis of all the cultivated and wild accessions from the Mediterranean and Central Asia, including the Sicilian populations, showed a triangle-shaped distribution (**Figure 3A**). The center of the triangle was populated by the wild samples from Croatia and the cultivated accessions from all the regions. The exceptions were Italy and Sicily, which clustered in the lowest vertex, together with all the Sicilian wild populations. The upper vertex included the *sylvestris* samples from Western Countries (Spain, France, Italy), whereas the rightmost vertex included the Eastern *sylvestris* populations (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia). Similarly, the PCoA graph differentiated the Eastern from the Western wild samples. However, all the cultivated samples, including the Sicilian and the Italian, and the wild Sicilian grouped together in this analysis (**Figure 3B**).

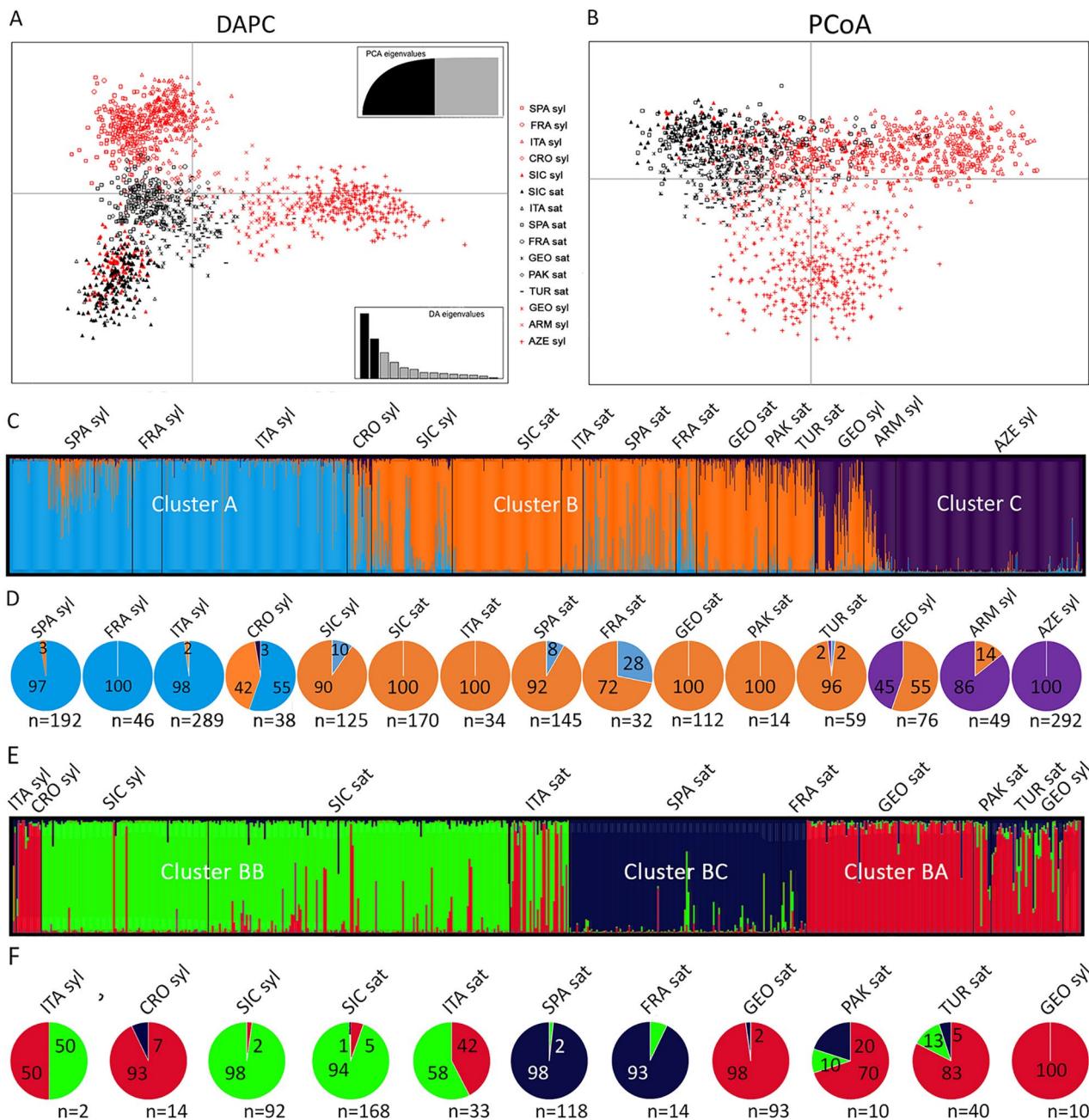
We then analyzed all data by STRUCTURE. The addition of the Sicilian germplasm did not vary the most likely number of clusters compared to the original analyses by Riaz et al. (2018), with K = 3 (**Figure 3C**). As in Riaz et al. (2018), one cluster (B) dominated all the cultivated samples, regardless of their origin (**Figure 3D**). A second cluster (C) characterized Asian wild samples. The third cluster (A) was the most abundant for almost all the wild Spanish, French, and Italian samples. The Croatian and Georgian wild samples were especially mixed between cluster A-B and B-C, respectively. A similar situation was observed for the Sicilian wild samples: the major component was cluster B, but many samples showed an important

contribution of cluster A. When the major contribution for each sample was considered, 90% of Sicilian wild samples were dominated by cluster B, and 10% by cluster A. Among the 12 samples belonging to cluster A, seven had an ancestry value higher than 0.65, and three exceeded 0.80 (**Supplementary Dataset S2**). When we looked at the distribution within each Sicilian population, only P5 had a large amount of samples (6 out of 9, 67%) belonging to cluster A; six populations (P3, P4, P6, P7, P8, P10) clustered entirely in cluster B; the remaining populations had a few samples in cluster A. All the cultivated Sicilian samples showed cluster B as major component. Nevertheless, Bracau also had 22% association with cluster A, Austina bianca 19%, and Giugnatica 18%. For all the other samples, the ancestry value for cluster B was higher than 0.80.

Finally, we run a second round of STRUCTURE on the samples closely associated to cluster B, which included most of the Sicilian germplasm and the *sativa* accessions from all the regions. We identified three subclusters (**Figures 3E, F, Supplementary Dataset S2**). Subcluster BA included most of the Eastern *sativa* (Georgia 98%; Turkmenistan 83%; Pakistan 70%) and the residual Italian, Croatian, and Georgian *sylvestris* that were grouped in cluster B in the first round. Subcluster BB included most of the Sicilian germplasm, both *sylvestris* (98%) and *sativa* (94%), and more than half of the Italian *sativa* accessions (58%). Subcluster BC included almost all the Spanish and French cultivated accessions (98% and 93%, respectively).

## DISCUSSIONS

For millennia, grapevine cultivation has been central in the culture and economy of many regions across the Mediterranean Basin and Middle East, with thousands of different varieties



**FIGURE 3 |** Analyses of Sicilian, Mediterranean and Central Asian *sativa* and *sylvestris* germplasm. Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC) **(A)**; Principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) **(B)**; first round of STRUCTURE **(C)** with percentage (pies) for each cluster and population **(D)**; Second round of STRUCTURE for cluster B **(E)** with percentage (pies) for each subcluster and population **(F)**.

selected. Yet, the exact dynamics of grapevine domestication remains elusive, and subject of a passionate debate among scholars of different fields. In the last decades, molecular techniques have expanded our ability to dig into the genetic signatures left along the history of crossing and migrations. Recent studies have generated genetic profiles for hundreds of cultivated and wild grapevine accessions, though the geographical origin of the

sampled material is generally unequal, with Eastern and Southern populations highly underrepresented. In this study, we compared the genetic structure of wild and cultivated grapevine germplasm from Sicily, a region that has been so far overlooked. Due to its size and its central position in the Mediterranean, bridging between Europe and Africa, Sicily has always played a key role in the migration routes crossing the Mediterranean basin, both for

natural dispersion of species and during human migrations. The recent discovery of a jar containing wine residues dates back the winemaking culture in Sicily to the 4th–3rd millennium BCE, i.e., at approximately the same time of the oldest wine traces found in the Armenia, and about 2,000 years later than the oldest evidence of wine production in Georgia, considered the primary domestication center for grapevine (Areshian et al., 2012; Tanasi et al., 2017; McGovern et al., 2017). For all these reasons, Sicily might have potentially played a major role in the domestication history of grapevine.

We first focused on the comparison between cultivated and wild populations within the Sicilian germplasm. The DAPC and the PCoA distinguished the cultivated from the wild germplasm along the main axis, reflecting major genetic distances between the two groups. Wild samples were especially scattered, indicating a high degree of diversity, probably due to the genetic isolation of most of the populations. The exception was the wild population P4, which separated from the cultivated pool only along the secondary axis, and was not connected with the other wild populations. STRUCTURE confirmed the major divergence between cultivated and wild samples. However, P4 initially grouped together with the cultivated pool, validating the affinity suggested by DAPC and PCoA. Only a second round of STRUCTURE separated P4 from *sativa*, matching the segregation observed along the secondary axis of DAPC and PCoA. These results, together with the Fst, and Nei values, that were highest in the pairwise comparisons of P4 with the other wild groups, suggest that P4 is very different from the other Sicilian wild populations, as confirmed by the Fis value, and that is related to the cultivated accessions. We had already noticed the peculiar genetic makeup of P4 before, though using only six SSR markers (Garfi et al., 2013). It was speculated that the isolation and the unique ecological context of P4 (i.e., a scree-type instead than the usual riparian habitat, **Supplementary Table S2**) likely affected its propagation strategy, relying more on specialized faunal dispersion of seeds than on hydraulic dynamics. In this study, we also observed that P4 was the population showing the highest excess of heterozygosity (F and Fis index), suggesting that it might suffer from genetic introgression from external sources, for example by fertilization of female *sylvestris* plants with pollen from cultivated plants growing nearby, as prompted by the presence of abandoned fields in the surroundings. Intriguingly, all 18 individuals sampled in P4 turned out to be females (**Supplementary Table S1**), a pattern that cannot be explained by random sampling in a natural population of this size. Moreover, we excluded that P4 was a clonal population, spreading by vegetative propagation or apomixy, since genetic analysis revealed that only two plants were clones. All the other individuals were genetically different, though closely related to each other, as evident in the DAPC, PCoA, the second round of STRUCTURE and phylogenetic tree. A possible explanation would be that P4 derives from old dioecious varieties, an uncommon feature in modern cultivated plants, or from hybrids *V. vinifera* × *Vitis* spp., during the early attempts to transfer phylloxera resistance traits to European

grapes. That would explain the dioecious phenotype and the affinity with cultivated varieties. We also have to consider that SSRs are neutral molecular markers, whereas the expression of phenotypic traits can be influenced by environmental conditions. Therefore, it is possible that natural settings (forest or riverbank environment, as opposed to agricultural environment) can favor the expression of a more *sylvestris*-like morphology, while more *sativa*-type traits are masked. Finally, during our collection surveys, we deliberately sought plants possessing all the typical *sylvestris* features, such as a dioecious flower, ignoring those with hermaphroditic flowers, that could randomly appear at each generation in some individuals if a population maintains a significant *sativa* contribution. Yet, P4 forms a compact cluster in all the analyses we have performed, therefore the putative introgression events must have occurred in a common ancestor of all current individuals. Alternatively, P4 might represent the residues of an ancient *sylvestris* population that contributed to the genetic structure of many modern Sicilian and Italian cultivars, as discussed below.

Stronger evidence of introgression from the *sativa* pool characterizes P8, since this population largely mixed with the cultivated pool in all our analyses. Moreover, the STRUCTURE ancestry values of most accessions from P8 were weak, indicating mixed profiles between the *sativa* and *sylvestris* clusters. Confirming this hypothesis, the pairwise genetic distance between P8 and the cultivated pool was very low, and individuals from P8 were dispersed among *sativa* accessions in the phylogenetic tree. Population P8 is located in the Anapo Valley at Pantalica, a site with a large Neolithic necropolis that is known to be actively inhabited since ancient times, and that is currently surrounded by cultivated fields. To a minor extent, we also observed evidence of introgression in single individuals of P1 and P6, since a few samples clustered together with the *sativa* group in the DAPC, PCoA, STRUCTURE, and the phylogenetic tree. The genetic isolation of these populations was also confirmed by the positive inbreeding coefficient value (Fis). We suspect introgression with cultivated germplasm also for P3, P5, P7, P10 given that the observed heterozygosity (Ho) values are higher than the expected (He). Nevertheless, the negative Fis value showed by the latter populations, indicating an excess of heterozygosity, could be also due to the following different factors: the small population size, overdominant selection favoring heterozygote survival (heterosis) self-incompatibility system effect, proportion of asexual reproduction and effect of clonal reproduction on the number of heterozygotes (asexuality effect) (Stoeckel et al., 2006). All the other *sylvestris* samples are more isolated, showed different cluster distribution compared to the *sativa* pool and grouped together in the phylogenetic tree, suggesting that their genetic connection with the cultivated pool was weaker. In particular, P5 was the population less related to the *sativa* group, and more similar to the *sylvestris* germplasm from Italy, France, and Spain.

Taking advantage of the extensive study by Riaz et al. (2018), we compared the Sicilian germplasm to cultivated and wild accessions from Western Europe and Central Asia. The dataset

used by Riaz et al. (2018) comprises a large number of Italian *sylvestris* (289 accessions). The exact geographical origin of each accession is not specified in the paper, yet we ascertained that Riaz et al.'s dataset does not comprise any Sicilian sample (De Lorenzis, personal communication), as opposed to the larger collection from which the wild Italian samples from Riaz et al. derived (Biagini et al., 2014). Accordingly, we did not find any clone between our dataset and the one from Riaz et al. (2018). Moreover, DAPC and PCoA showed that the Sicilian *sylvestris* samples were very distantly related to the other wild Italian populations, including also those from the neighboring region Calabria, suggesting that the Sicilian wild populations are genetically isolated from the rest of Italy.

By using the combined dataset, the DAPC, PCoA, and STRUCTURE analyses confirmed what observed by these authors, with three main clusters discriminating: *i*) a Western *sylvestris* pool, *ii*) an Eastern *sylvestris* pool, and *iii*) the cultivated germplasm, regardless of their origin. The latter cluster also contained the wild Croatian samples. The samples falling in the transition zones among these clusters might suggest events of gene flow between wild populations and the cultivated germplasm in these regions, as previously reported from several investigations (Arroyo-García et al., 2006; Myles et al., 2011; De Andrés et al., 2012; Riaz et al., 2018). In addition to these three main pools, the DAPC also showed a fourth cluster which included most of the Sicilian *sylvestris* plants and all the Sicilian and Italian cultivated samples, suggesting that Sicilian and Italian cultivars are closely related, as expected due to the close geographical proximity, the deep historical connections between the two areas, and the intense commercial exchanges. Moreover, the Sicilian and Italian cultivars were more related with each other, and with the Sicilian *sylvestris*, than with other cultivars worldwide, suggesting events of genetic isolation and/or local secondary domestication, with introgression of genetic material from the Sicilian wild germplasm (possibly, from populations related to current P4) into the cultivated Italian pool. The latter hypothesis is consistent with the assumption that grapevine cultivation in Italy spread from the Southern regions northward since the second part of the 1st millennium BCE (Hopf, 1991; Forni, 2012).

The two-step analysis through STRUCTURE provided some additional information. In the first round of STRUCTURE, the cultivated Sicilian germplasm clustered together with most of the other *sativa* accessions; on the contrary, the wild populations showed a mixed distribution, clustering in part with the cultivated accessions and in part with the Western *sylvestris* pool, a situation similar to what observed in Croatia and, as for the Eastern cluster, in Georgia and Armenia. The different results obtained from STRUCTURE in the analysis of the Sicilian germplasm alone (where the cultivated pool clearly differed from the wild populations) and the wide scale analysis, might depend on the number of SSR markers used (23 in the first analysis and 17 in the second) and on the larger genetic diversity present in the world dataset, that may hinder the smaller differences within the Sicilian accessions. However, the second round of STRUCTURE clearly distinguished a cluster

including nearly all the Sicilian germplasm, both *sylvestris* and *sativa*, and more than half of the Italian cultivated accessions, thus confirming the affinity among these groups, already observed in the DAPC analysis. The hierarchical STRUCTURE also separated the cultivated accessions from other regions of the world in two additional clusters. One included almost all samples from Western Europe (Spain and France); a third cluster included the Eastern *sativa* accessions (Georgia, Pakistan, Turkmenistan) plus *sylvestris* from Georgia, Croatia and Italy. Interestingly, about half of the Italian (42%) cultivated accessions also showed affinity for this cluster. Therefore, the Italian cultivars are very different from the rest of Western Europe, and appear as mix between the Eastern group and the Sicilian pool. Accordingly, the list of Italian *sativa* accessions grouping together with the Sicilian germplasm consists predominantly (15 out of 18) of cultivars from Southern regions (Aglianico, Aglianicone, Catarratto Foglia tonda, Frappato, Grillo, Magliocco, Malvasia, Malvasia del Lazio, Malvasia nera di Brindisi, Montonico, Nerello cappuccio, Primitivo, Sangiovese, Sciaccarello, Zibibbo) with the exception of three cultivars that are from Northern Italian regions (Glera, Ribolla gialla, and Schiava lombarda), pointing to a close relationship of this group with the Sicilian germplasm. Conversely, the remaining Italian cultivars, which show affinity with the Eastern pool, are varieties mostly cultivated in the Northern regions (Albarola, Barbera, Brugnola, Butascera, Croatina bianca, Croatina int. corto, Luglienga bianca, Marzemino, Merlina, Moradella di Montalto, Rossara, Rossola, Schiava grossa, Sirica).

The close relationship between the Sicilian *sylvestris* and the Sicilian and Italian *sativa* pools, observed in the wide DAPC, PCoA, and STRUCTURE analyses, is intriguing and can be explained by two different hypotheses. First, it is possible that many Sicilian wild populations suffer from introgression of *sativa* germplasm. This scenario is plausible, considering many different factors, such as the relatively small extension of the island, its millennial history of exploitation, the ancient reduction of its original forest cover, the importance of viticulture in the local economy with extensive fields, and the diffusion of recent diseases threatening the natural populations (Pacifico et al., 2016). We especially found strong evidence for this situation in population P8. Alternatively, it is possible that the current wild Sicilian populations are phylogenetically related to a *sylvestris* group that has not been identified yet, or is even extinct, and that contributed to the early domestication of grapevine. In that case, the residual current Sicilian wild populations maintain a close link to the cultivated germplasm or even directly contributed to the development of some local *sativa* varieties. For its genetic homogeneity, separation from the other *sylvestris* populations and its relation to the cultivated Sicilian and Italian pool, P4 represents an intriguing candidate.

In agreement with this hypothesis, our analyses indicated a few Sicilian cultivated varieties as closely related to the Sicilian wild germplasm, namely Austina bianca, Bracàù, Giugnatica, Lorisi, Mantonico, and Tintorè. Unfortunately, we could retrieve very little historical information for these varieties. Austina bianca

is a white grape variety cultivated in the province of Palermo, it was traditionally used for table and wine production. Bracaù, also known as Grecaù, is not mentioned in ancient literature. It is a black berry vine grown in the province of Catania, traditionally used for wine production (Carimi et al., 2010). Giugnatica is a red table grape grown in the Aeolian archipelago. It is considered an early grape that ripens in June. The first citation of Lorisi dates back to the beginning of the nineteenth century. Geremia (1836) mentioned Lorisi, also known as Visparu (Geremia, 1839) in a review of wine varieties found in the vineyards of Etna valley, province of Catania. It was used to make good quality sweet white wines and for the production of raisins. In the second half of the nineteenth century, Caruso (1869) mentions two forms of Lorisi (white and black berry) grown in the area of Cefalù, province of Palermo. Mantonico, existing as white and black berry versions, has been described in Sicily under different names: Muntonicu, Montonico nero femminino, Mantonicu niuru fimmuneddu, Montonico nero and Mantonicu niuru for the black berry version, and Montonico bianco, Mantonicu vrancu, Mantonicu masculu for the white berry version. The first citations of this vine dates back to the early 1500s (Venuti, 1516), and later on it was also mentioned by Cupani (1696), Sestini (1812) and Minà Palumbo (1891). In the Aeolian archipelago, where our accession was collected, the red grape form is considered a traditional local variety and is used to produce sweet wines (Gristina et al., 2017). The Tintorè grape, of unknown origin, was found in the province of Agrigento and used to darken the wine. There is no historical information on this grape variety in Sicily. Our results show that Sicilian wild populations are related to the cultivated Sicilian and Italian germplasm, suggesting events of introgression and/or domestication of local varieties. It is thus intriguing to speculate that these ancient Sicilian varieties may derive from local *sylvestris* germplasm.

## CONCLUSIONS

The comparison of the genetic structure of Sicilian *sylvestris* populations with the cultivated local germplasm and the grapevine accessions across Western Europe and Central Asia confirms the genetic separation between the Western and Eastern *sylvestris* pools, and their connections with the cultivated germplasm. The Sicilian wild populations appeared closely related to the local cultivated germplasm, probably due to gene flow between the two pools, for either hybridization or early events of introgression of the *sylvestris* germplasm into *sativa* accessions. Considering the archeological evidences that point to Sicily among the oldest centers in grapevine

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cultivation (Copper Age, early 4th–3rd millennium BCE), it is plausible that the genetic affinity among current Sicilian *sylvestris* and *sativa* germplasms derives from early domestication events occurred in this region. The data set and the results presented here, in a region of primary interest for understanding domestication, migration, and expansion of grape around the Mediterranean basin, may contribute to facilitate future investigations to further unravel the phylogenetic history and population dynamics of grapevine.

## DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

All datasets for this study are included in the article/  
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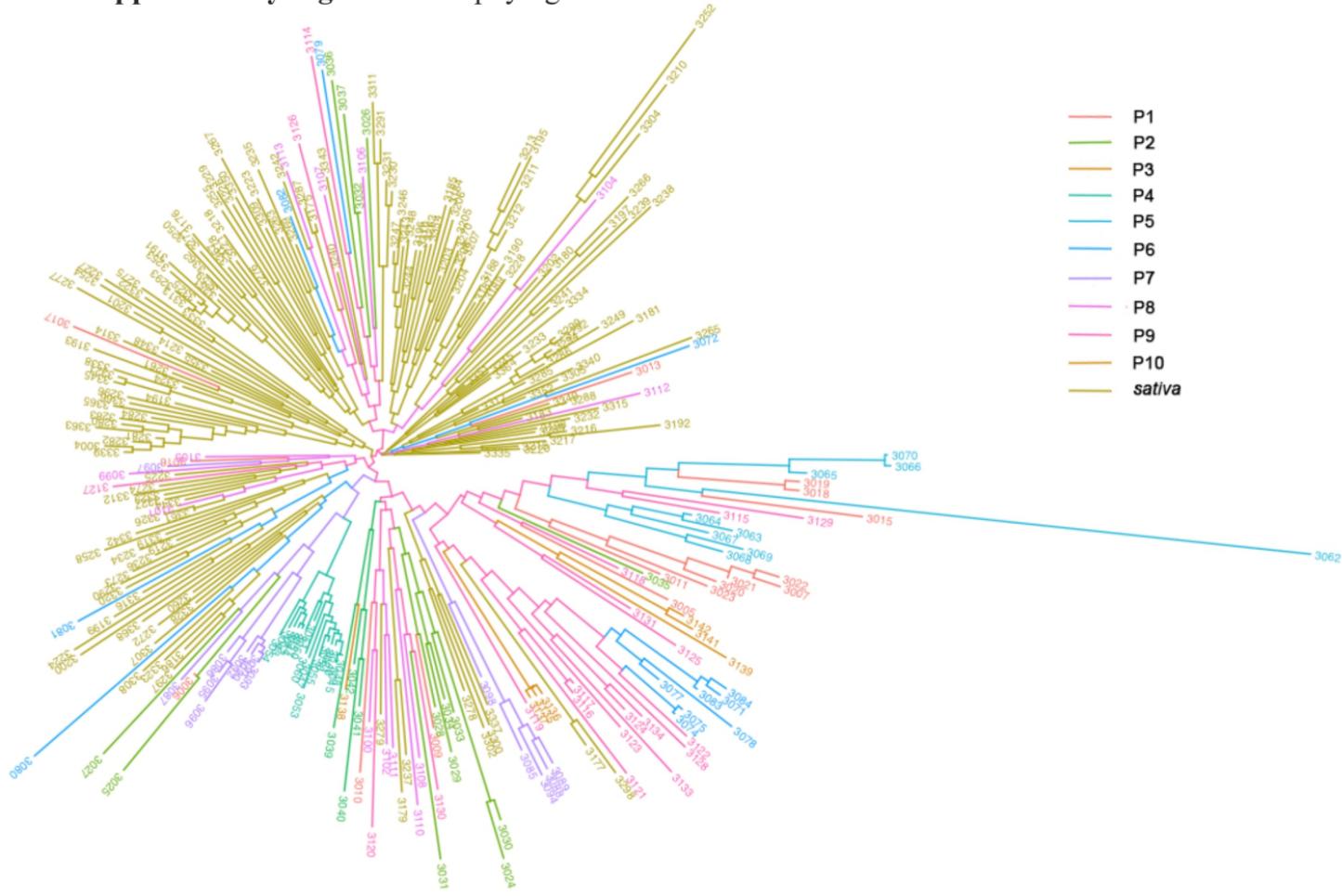
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### **Supplementary Figure S1.** NJ phylogenetic tree of cultivated and wild Sicilian accessions.



**Supplementary Table S1.** List of 301 *V. vinifera* subsp. *sativa* and *sylvestris* grapevine samples analysed.

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Accessions ID	Species	Population Code	Source District / Area (Population Code)	Name	Sex
3089	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P7	Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. SR (P7)		♂
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3094	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P7	Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. SR (P7)		♂
3095	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P7	Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. SR (P7)		♂
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3098	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P7	Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. SR (P7)		♂
3099	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P8	Riserva Pantalica e Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. SR (P8)		♂
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3104	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P8	Riserva Pantalica e Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. SR (P8)		♀
3105	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P8	Riserva Pantalica e Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. SR (P8)		♂
3106	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P8	Riserva Pantalica e Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. SR (P8)		♀
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3113	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P8	Riserva Pantalica e Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. SR (P8)		♀
3114	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sylvestris</i>	P9	Fiume Sosio, Sicani Mts. AG (P9)		♂
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3175	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Albanello	♀♂
3176	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Alzano	♀♂
3177	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Austina bianca	♀♂
3178	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Barbarossa	♀♂
3179	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Bracau (Grecau)	♀♂
3180	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Bruntisi nero	♀♂
3181	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Calabrese	♀♂
3183	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Carnuffino	♀♂
3184	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Carricante A	♀♂
3185	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Carricante C	♀♂
3186	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Catanese nero	♀♂
3187	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Catarratto D	♀♂
3188	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Catarratto A	♀♂
3189	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Catarratto B	♀♂
3190	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Catarratto C	♀♂
3191	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Catarratto nero	♀♂
3192	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Catarratto Termini	♀♂
3193	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Cessala	♀♂
3194	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Cirrincio	♀♂
3195	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Coda di volpe	♀♂
3196	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Corinto A	♀♂
3197	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Corinto B	♀♂
3198	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Damascino A	♀♂
3199	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Diretta bianca	♀♂
3200	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Diretta bianca (Uva di Francia)	♀♂

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Accessions ID	Species	Population Code	Source District / Area (Population Code)	Name	Sex
3201	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Diretta nera A	♀♂
3202	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Dolcetta	♀♂
3203	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato C	♀♂
3204	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato 2	♀♂
3205	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato 3	♀♂
3206	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato A	♀♂
3207	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato B	♀♂
3208	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Frappato F	♀♂
3210	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Gamay	♀♂
3211	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Grecanico A	♀♂
3212	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Grecanico B	♀♂
3213	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Grecanico C	♀♂
3214	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Grecaù (Bracaù)	♀♂
3215	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Grillo A	♀♂
3216	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Grillo C	♀♂
3217	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Grillo D	♀♂
3218	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Jala bianca	♀♂
3219	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Inzolia A	♀♂
3220	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Inzolia C	♀♂
3221	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Inzolia imperiale A	♀♂
3223	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Inzuccarato	♀♂
3224	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Inzuccarato di Noto	♀♂
3225	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Lacrima di Maria A	♀♂
3226	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Leanfurtisi	♀♂
3227	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Lorisì (Orisi)	♀♂
3228	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Lucignola	♀♂
3229	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Malvagia	♀♂
3230	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Malvasia di Lipari C	♀♂
3231	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Malvasia di Lipari A	♀♂
3232	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Marsala (Mareschino)	♀♂
3233	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Marsigliana	♀♂
3234	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Minna di vacca B	♀♂
3235	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Minnavaccchina	♀♂
3236	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Minnella bianca (Passulana)	♀♂
3237	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Monteleone	♀♂
3238	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Moscato di Noto B	♀♂
3239	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Moscato bianco	♀♂
3240	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Moscato di Noto C	♀♂
3241	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Muscatedda	♀♂
3242	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Muscatidduni	♀♂
3243	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello Mascalese B	♀♂
3244	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello Mascalese C	♀♂
3245	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello cappuccio A	♀♂
3246	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello Mascalese D	♀♂
3247	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello Mascalese E	♀♂
3248	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nerello Mascalese A	♀♂
3249	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola A	♀♂
3250	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Nero grosso	♀♂
3251	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Nivureddu	♀♂
3252	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Nivuro Bronte	♀♂
3253	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Nucera nera (Perricone)	♀♂
3254	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Nzuccarato	♀♂
3255	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Oriddru	♀♂
3258	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Osso nivuro	♀♂
3259	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Perricone A	♀♂
3260	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Pizzutella	♀♂
3261	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Precoce	♀♂
3262	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Preventivo	♀♂
3263	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Racignola bianca	♀♂
3265	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Racina di vento	♀♂
3266	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Racinedda	♀♂
3267	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Recunu (Bufania)	♀♂
3269	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Rucignola	♀♂
3270	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Russetto	♀♂
3271	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	SR	Syracuse (SR)	Sparo virdisi	♀♂
3272	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Sultanina	♀♂
3273	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Tallone nero	♀♂
3274	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	AG	Agrigento (AG)	Tintorè (Ibisu)	♀♂
3275	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Triboti nera	♀♂
3276	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Tripolina bianca	♀♂
3277	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PA	Palermo (PA)	Uva francisi	♀♂
3278	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Visparola	♀♂
3279	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Vitrurolo	♀♂
3004	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo A	♀♂
3280	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo augustano	♀♂
3281	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo B	♀♂
3282	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo carricante	♀♂
3283	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo grosso	♀♂

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Accessions ID	Species	Population Code	Source District / Area (Population Code)	Name	Sex
3284	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo nero	♀♂
3285	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola B	♀♂
3286	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola C	♀♂
3287	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola D	♀♂
3292	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola F	♀♂
3294	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola G	♀♂
3299	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Nero d'Avola E	♀♂
3304	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Alicante, Licante	♀♂
3307	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Inzolia imperiale B	♀♂
3308	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Cantaro	♀♂
3309	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Trummana	♀♂
3310	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Minutidda	♀♂
3311	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Malvasia B	♀♂
3312	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Livedda	♀♂
3313	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Mascarisi	♀♂
3314	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Racina i mustu B	♀♂
3315	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Nuciddara	♀♂
3316	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Moscato nero	♀♂
3317	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Direttu nera B	♀♂
3319	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Minniottina	♀♂
3320	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Mantonico A	♀♂
3321	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Cornicchiola A	♀♂
3322	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Lacrime di Maria B	♀♂
3323	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Inzolia nera A	♀♂
3324	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Fiore d'arancio (Trunzu)	♀♂
3325	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Lugliatica (Luglienga)	♀♂
3326	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Lacrime di Maria C	♀♂
3327	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Greca	♀♂
3328	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Caleu	♀♂
3329	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Minna di vacca C	♀♂
3333	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PE	Pelagie Islands (PE)	Funcia chiatta	♀♂
3335	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PE	Pelagie Islands (PE)	Catarrato E	♀♂
3337	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Inzolia nera B	♀♂
3338	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Alivedda nera	♀♂
3339	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Damascino B	♀♂
3340	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Albanella bianca	♀♂
3342	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Menna vacca A	♀♂
3343	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	US	Ustica island (US)	Zu Manuele	♀♂
3344	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Centoruotoli	♀♂
3345	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Cornicchiola B	♀♂
3348	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	RG	Ragusa (RG)	Cutrera	♀♂
3349	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	CT	Catania (CT)	Zu Matteo	♀♂
3350	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Catanese bianca	♀♂
3351	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Dunnuni	♀♂
3352	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	TP	Trapani (TP)	Fumusa	♀♂
3354	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	ME	Messina (ME)	Nocera	♀♂
3355	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Prunesta	♀♂
3361	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Inzolia Tunisina A	♀♂
3362	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Nero nostrale	♀♂
3363	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo con i seni	♀♂
3364	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Garigano	♀♂
3365	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo minna di vacca	♀♂
3366	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Zibibbo masculune	♀♂
3367	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Pionastro	♀♂
3368	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PT	Pantelleria island (PT)	Inzolia Tunisina B	♀♂
3288	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Racina i mustu A	♀♂
3289	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Cuda i vulpe	♀♂
3290	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Pirricone raspo rosso (3°Tipo)	♀♂
3291	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Malvasia A	♀♂
3293	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Nerello Mascarisi	♀♂
3296	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Cappuccio	♀♂
3297	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Perricone B	♀♂
3298	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Giugnatica	♀♂
3300	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Putrisa	♀♂
3302	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Mantonico B	♀♂
3305	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	EO	Aeolian archipelago (EO)	Mantonico C	♀♂
3334	<i>V. vinifera</i> subps. <i>sativa</i>	PE	Pelagie Islands (PE)	Bertuccio	♀♂

*nd:* Sex not determined.

**Supplementary Table S2.** Wild grapevine populations analysed: habitat conditions and vegetation patterns.

Population name and Geographical districts	Population code	Habitat	Anthropic evidences	Vegetation patterns and dominant trees/shrubs
Castelbuono, Madonie Mts., Palermo	P1	Temporary river banks	Sporadic drafted, aged olive trees along the track to the sampling area	Riparian forest, canopy cover 100%, h = 5-8 m. <i>Salix pedicellata, Populusnigra, Laurusbilobus, Quercus ilex, Clematis cirrhosa, Hedera helix, Smilax aspera</i>
Cava Grande Cassibile, Iblei Mts. Syracuse	P2	Permanent river banks	Small cultivated patches inside the sampling area; Large abandoned and active cultivations in the surroundings	Riparian forest, canopy cover 60%, h = 6-8 m. <i>Quercus ilex, Fraxinusornus, Salix pedicellata, Ficuscarica, Platanusorientalis, Ailanthus altissima, Pistacia lentiscus, Nerium oleander, Erica multiflora, Phlomisfruticosus, Clematis cirrhosa</i>
Cava Sturia, Iblei Mts. Syracuse	P3	Temporary river banks	Abandoned and active cultivations in the surroundings	Maquis, canopy cover 100%, h = 6-8 m. <i>Quercus ilex, Q. virgiliiana, Ficuscarica, Olea europaea var. sylvestris, Fraxinusornus, Ailanthus altissima, Pistacia lentiscus, P. terebinthus, Rhamnusalaternus, Phillyrea latifolia, Smilax aspera, Hedera helix</i>
Riserva Boschi Favara and Granza, Torto Valley Palermo	P4	Scree-type deposits	Sporadic small patches of abandoned fields along the track to the sampling area	Pioneer communities, canopy cover 40%, h = 2-4 m. <i>Ficuscarica, Rubussp., Clematis cirrhosa, Quercusvirgiliiana(along the external border)</i>
Bosco della Ficuzza, Sicani Mts. Palermo	P5	Temporary river banks	Sporadic small patches of abandoned fields and charcoal areas along the stream banks	Riparian forest, canopy cover 100%, h = 15-20 m. <i>Quercusvirgiliiana, Acer campestre, Q. ilex, Fraxinusornus, F. oxyphylla, Q. suber, Salix pedicellata, Populusnigra, Ficuscarica, Crataegusmonogyna, Cytisus triflorus, Rubus, sp., Smilax aspera, Hedera helix, Clematis cirrhosa, Ruscusaculeatus</i>
Stretta di Longi, Nebrodi Mts. Messina	P6	Permanent river banks	Grazing-disturbance evidences	Riparian forest, canopy cover 100%, h = 8-10 m. <i>Salix pedicellata, Ficuscarica, Fraxinusangustifolia, Celtisaustralis, Clematis cirrhosa, Hedera helix, Rubussp.</i>
Fiume Manghisi, Iblei Mts. Syracuse	P7	Permanent river banks	Abandoned and active cultivations in the surroundings	Riparian forest, canopy cover 80%, h = 8-12 m. <i>Salix pedicellata, Ficuscarica, Platanusorientalis, Quercus ilex, Clematis cirrhosa, Hedera helix</i>
Riserva Pantalica and Valle Anapo, Iblei Mts. Syracuse	P8	Permanent river banks	Small cultivated patches inside the sampling area; Large abandoned and active cultivations in the surroundings	Riparian forest, canopy cover 80%, h = 10-15 m. <i>Salix pedicellata, Populusnigra, Ficuscarica, Platanusorientalis, Quercus ilex, Fraxinusornus, Rhamnusalaternus, Nerium oleander, Clematis cirrhosa</i>
Fiume Sosio, Sicani Mts. Agrigento	P9	Permanent river banks	Sporadic small patches of abandoned fields along the track to the sampling area	Riparian forest, canopy cover 100%, h = 8-15 m. <i>Salix pedicellata, Quercus ilex, Q. virgiliiana, Crataegusmonogyna, Prunusspinosa, Pistaciaterebinthus, Viburnum tinus, Rhamnusalaternus, Hedera helix</i>
Riserva Zangara, Belice Valley Trapani	P10	Permanent river banks	Large vineyard in the surroundings. Small abandoned olive patches inside the sampling area	Riparian forest, canopy cover 70%, h = 8-12 m. <i>Ulmuscanescens, Salix pedicellata, Populusnigra, Ficuscarica, Tamarixsp., Nerium oleander, Myrtuscommunis, Hedera helix</i>

**Supplementary Table S3.** SSR marker and PCR multiplex conditions used. The set of six highly reproducible microsatellites suggested by the European group working within the grape GENRES projects is indicated in bold.

SSR marker	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Reference	Core repeat	Annealing T °C (max-min)	Dye	PCR multiplex
<b>VVS2</b>	CAG CCC GTA AAT GTA TCC ATC	AAATTCAAAATTCTAATTCACTGG	Thomas and Scott (1993)	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	57-50	YAKYE	3
<b>VVMD5</b>	CTAGAGCTACGCCAATCCAA	TATACCAAAAATCATATTCTCAA	Bowers et al. (1996)	(CT) <sub>n</sub> AT(CT) <sub>n</sub> ATAG(AT) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	AT565	2
VVMD6	ATCTCTAACCTAAAACCAT	CTGTGCTAACAGACAAGAAGA	Bowers et al. (1996)	(CT),C(CT),TTAG(CT)TAAT-(CT)C(CT)C(CT)	63-56	AT565	1
<b>VVMD7</b>	AGAGTTGCGGAGAACAGGAT	CGAACCTTCACACGCTTGT	Bowers et al. (1996)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	AT550	2
VVMD17	TGACTCGCCAAAATCTGACG	CACACATATCATCACACACGG	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	57-50	AT565	3
VVMD21	GGTTGTCATATGGAGTTGATGTTGC	GCTTCAGTAAAAGGGATTGCG	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub> GAGAAGG(A) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	YAKYE	4
VVMD24	GTGGATGATGGAGTAGTCACGC	GATTTTAGGTTCATGTTGTAAGG	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	61-54	YAKYE	6
VVMD25	TTCCGTTAAAGCAAAAGAAAAGG	TTGGATTGAAATTATTGAGGGG	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	57-50	AT550	3
<b>VVMD27</b>	GTACCAAGATCTGAATACATCCGTAA	ACGGGTATAGAGCAACGGTGT	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	FAM	2
VVMD28	AACAATCAATGAAAAGAGAGAGAGA	TCATCAATTCTGTATCTCTATTGCTG	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	YAKYE	2
VVMD32	TATGATTTTTAGGGGGTGAGG	GGAAAGATGGGATGACTCGC	Bowers et al. (1999)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	63-56	AT550	1
<b>VrZAG62</b>	GGTGAATGGGCACCGAACACCGC	CCATGTCCTCCCTCAGCTTCAG	Sefc et al. 1999	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	63-56	YAKYE	1
<b>VrZAG79</b>	AGATITGTGGAGGGAGGGAAACACCG	TGCCCCATTTCAAACCTCCCTCC	Sefc et al. 1999	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	63-56	FAM	1
VMC1b11	CTTGAAAATTCTCCGGGTT	TATTCAAAGCCACCGTTCTCT	Zyprian and Töpfer (2005)	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	FAM	4
VMC4f3.1	AAAGCACTATGGTGGGTAA	TAACCAATACATGCATCAAGGA	Di Gaspero et al. (2000)	(CT) <sub>n</sub> TT (CT) <sub>n</sub>	60-53	FAM	5
VVIb01	TGACCCCTGACCTTAAATCTT	TGGTAGTGCATGATAGTAGA	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	60-53	AT565	5
VVIh54	CCGCACTTGTGTGAATTTCAG	CAAACCGTTTTACACCGCAG	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	61-54	FAM	6
VVI <sub>n</sub> 16	ACCTCTATAAGATCCTAACCTG	AAGGGAGTGTGACTGATATTTC	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(CA) <sub>n</sub> CG (CA) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	AT565	4
VVI <sub>n</sub> 73	TACTTCACCTAACATACAGCT	AATACATAAGGTGAAGATGCCT	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(CA) <sub>n</sub>	60-53	AT550	5
VVI <sub>p</sub> 31	TATCCAAGAGACAAATTCCCAC	TTCTCTGTTCTGCCTAAATGG	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(GA) <sub>n</sub>	61-54	AT550	6
VVI <sub>p</sub> 60	GGGGAATAACTAAATTGAGGAT	GTATGAATGCGGATAGTTGTG	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(TG) <sub>n</sub> A(GT) <sub>n</sub> (GA) <sub>n</sub>	57-50	FAM	3
VVI <sub>q</sub> 52	TAAGGATGGTAGATGACAGA	ACAGGAAAGTGTCAATGGTTA	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(CT) <sub>n</sub>	62-55	AT550	4
VVI <sub>v</sub> 67	TATAACTTCTCATAGGGTTCC	TTGGAGTCATCAAATTCTCT	Merdinoglu et al. (2005)	(CA) <sub>n</sub> AT(CA) <sub>n</sub> (GA) <sub>n</sub> TT(GA) <sub>n</sub> (AG) <sub>n</sub>	61-54	AT565	6

SSR markers with the same PCR multiplex number were amplified in a single PCR mix, all primers being pooled in the PCR mix and analyzed in the same sequencer run

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3213	Grecanico C	322	328	235	247	290	294	179	193	356	370	249	257	149	149	247	247	206	206	253	257	169	183	255	263	174	188	167	167	72	72	186	202	240	254	249	249	186	198	224	224	227	233	201	209	128	138
3214	Grecau (Bracau)	314	318	227	233	290	294	179	181	360	360	251	255	149	149	247	253	206	208	247	251	165	169	263	263	180	186	163	163	74	80	172	188	236	246	249	253	186	202	222	222	227	227	207	211	128	138
3215	Grillo A	318	318	0	0	290	298	179	195	370	384	251	271	149	155	247	263	206	210	243	253	165	183	263	263	174	190	165	165	74	74	172	180	248	254	247	251	184	200	222	222	225	227	207	211	138	144
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3226	Leanfurtisi	314	318	255	255	0	0	179	185	352	370	251	257	151	157	241	247	206	212	241	249	167	171	263	263	0	0	0	0	82	82	172	190	0	0	251	251	188	196	214	224	225	227	191	211	130	146
3227	Loris (Orisi)	318	324	235	257	0	0	181	195	362	362	251	257	151	151	241	249	212	212	243	235	165	171	263	263	0	0	165	173	74	76	170	186	238	238	243	251	186	196	214	222	235	243	201	209	132	138
3228	Lucignola	318	322	233	235	290	298	179	179	352	370	249	271	0	0	0	0	243	243	0	0	263	263	174	190	163	173	74	80	172	172	240	254	241	249	192	200	214	224	227	227	207	207	128	138		
3229	Malvagia	318	326	255	255	292	300	179	179	352	352	249	251	151	157	247	253	206	206	241	249	165	169	263	263	174	188	165	165	82	82	172	188	254	254	243	251	188	200	224	224	225	225	191	207	138	146
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3231	Malvasia di Lipari A	318	326	241	255	290	294	183	183	348	362	251	271	149	155	247	247	206	214	247	253	165	183	257	263	172	182	157	163	76	80	172	182	240	254	243	247	186	200	222	222	227	227	191	207	128	138
3232	Marsala (Mareschino)	314	318	0	0	290	298	179	195	352	366	251	257	151	151	247	253	208	216	243	247																										

**Supplementary Table S4.** Genetic profiles of cultivated and wild Sicilian accessions.

Accession code	Population / Sample name	VVIp60	VVMD28	VVIb01	VVMD27	VVIv67	VVMD32	VVIIn16	VVMD21	VVMD24	VVMD7	VMC1b11	VVIIn73	VMIp31	VVIh54	VVIq52	VMC4f3_1	VVMD25	VrZag79	VrZag62	VVMD17	VVMD5	VVMD6	VVS2
3298	Giugnatica	0 0	231 255	290 290	185 189	356 356	239 239	157 157	247 263	206 210	243 251	173 173	263 263	164 180	163 167	0 0	178 178	240 240	251 259	192 202	214 214	229 237	0 0	0 0
3299	Nero d'Avola E	314 314	235 241	298 298	179 181	354 366	249 251	147 149	247 253	206 210	243 253	169 183	263 263	174 188	165 165	78 80	186 188	240 254	247 247	184 200	222 222	227 227	209 211	138 148
3300	Putrisa	314 320	247 259	290 294	181 185	346 360	249 257	149 151	245 247	206 210	243 257	181 183	263 263	172 188	165 175	80 80	166 186	240 254	247 255	188 188	222 222	227 239	201 201	128 128
3302	Mantonicco B	314 318	243 257	290 294	179 193	0 0	255 255	149 149	241 255	212 214	243 253	165 167	257 263	172 186	165 177	76 80	166 178	240 248	247 247	192 192	214 222	227 233	191 209	128 128
3304	Alicante, Licante	318 318	241 241	288 290	193 193	352 358	241 249	151 157	241 247	208 214	243 247	187 193	255 263	174 182	163 167	74 80	170 186	240 254	257 257	186 186	214 238	227 241	209 209	132 142
3305	Mantonicco C	0 0	227 227	290 294	179 189	356 360	0 0	151 151	247 255	206 206	243 257	169 183	255 263	182 188	163 165	0 0	188 188	240 254	243 247	194 200	222 222	227 233	0 0	0 0
3307	Inzolia imperiale B	314 314	0 0	290 294	185 185	352 352	257 271	149 149	255 255	206 206	253 251	187 187	263 263	172 182	165 177	74 76	172 206	238 248	243 251	184 186	224 224	225 225	209 209	128 128
3308	Cantaro	314 316	241 255	290 294	179 179	352 384	249 271	149 151	241 253	206 206	235 249	169 187	263 263	190 190	165 175	74 76	182 188	238 244	245 245	186 200	220 224	233 245	209 211	128 138
3309	Trunmana	316 318	0 0	290 294	179 179	356 358	249 251	149 149	247 253	204 210	243 241	165 171	263 263	186 188	165 165	74 74	178 188	240 254	245 249	186 200	224 224	225 225	191 191	148 134
3310	Minutidda	318 318	233 243	288 290	179 185	352 352	251 255	149 149	241 247	206 212	243 265	165 165	263 263	190 194	165 173	74 80	172 178	240 240	243 257	186 192	214 222	227 237	191 209	128 128
3311	Malvasia B	318 328	233 253	290 294	179 183	348 362	251 271	149 155	245 245	206 214	243 249	165 183	257 263	172 182	157 163	76 80	172 182	240 254	239 243	186 200	224 224	225 225	191 209	138 140
3312	Livedda	318 318	235 247	290 294	181 193	352 356	239 251	147 147	247 253	206 206	237 243	173 183	263 263	180 182	163 163	74 80	186 188	248 254	0 0	186 194	224 224	227 229	211 211	132 148
3313	Mascarisi	318 328	233 257	290 290	183 185	352 352	251 257	149 155	241 247	206 206	243 243	165 165	263 263	190 190	165 165	74 76	178 190	240 254	241 245	186 194	214 222	229 237	191 191	128 130
3314	Racina i mustu B	314 318	233 235	290 290	179 189	360 360	0 0	147 151	247 255	210 210	251 257	177 183	255 263	178 186	165 175	74 76	172 172	238 248	245 251	194 198	222 222	227 229	191 209	128 140
3315	Nuciddara	314 318	241 241	290 294	185 185	352 352	251 251	147 147	247 247	206 210	253 251	165 169	263 263	174 188	165 179	76 80	172 178	248 254	237 243	198 200	222 222	241 241	207 207	138 138
3316	Moscatto nero	314 318	235 243	294 294	179 185	366 384	269 271	149 155	247 253	210 210	251 253	165 171	263 263	178 186	165 165	74 78	172 206	248 254	239 255	184 190	222 222	233 239	209 211	130 146
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3319	Minniottina	314 318	243 247	0 0	185 193	368 370	251 251	149 151	247 253	206 206	237 243	179 183	263 263	0 0	0 0	76 80	206 206	238 238	251 251	184 200	222 222	229 239	211 213	132 134
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3321	Cornicchiola A	312 314	243 257	290 290	179 181	342 352	257 261	147 151	247 263	206 210	251 253	165 183	263 263	180 194	159 165	80 84	166 202	238 248	251 251	194 202	222 224	237 249	191 211	140 146
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3323	Inzolia nera A	312 314	231 245	290 306	169 183	352 354	0 0	149 151	241 247	206 206	241 249	165 169	263 263	186 190	165 177	76 80	188 190	238 244	243 247	186 196	224 224	239 239	209 211	128 152
3324	Fiore d'arancio (Trunzu)	314 328	235 235	243 290	179 185	352 352	271 271	151 151	253 263	206 206	237 243	165 169	263 263	174 184	165 175	74 80	188 206	248 254	251 257	194 202	222 222	227 233	191 211	128 148
3325	Lugliatica (Luglienga)	318 328	233 257	290 290	183 185	352 352	251 257	149 155	241 247	206 206	243 243	165 165	263 263	190 190	165 165	74 76	178 190	240 254	243 247	186 194	214 224	229 237	191 191	128 130
3326	Lacrime i Maria																							