

TENUTA TASCANTE

The volcano seduced us 10 years ago, with its ancient terraces and the lichens living upon them and the clean, healthy air surrounding it all. The Sciaranova Vineyard is the oldest vineyard of the Tascante Estate and is found in the commune of Randazzo, located on the north side of Mount Etna. These vines are squeezed between stone walls built with ancient lava rock amidst the ruins of an ancient palmento (grape press).

2014 was undoubtedly a great vintage for Sicily and we are pleased how well this bottle tells the story of Tascante: Tasca and Etna. This single-vineyard wine was awarded the highest prize by Gambero Rosso, Tre Bicchieri. Il Tascante, 2014, Nerello Mascalese, Vigna Sciaranova.



- **Grapes:** Nerello Mascalese
- **Appellation:** Sicilia DOC
- **Production area:** North side of the volcano Mount Etna - Sciaranova and Boccadorzo contradas - Randazzo, Catania, Sicily
- **Soil:** Terracing on volcanic soil
- **Age of vineyard:** 1960
- **Elevation:** 750 m a.s.l.
- **Vineyard exposure:** North
- **Training System:** Espalier
- **Pruning System:** Spurred Cord
- **Vine density:** 3.300
- **Yields:** 51 q/l
- **Harvest:** 30 October
- **Weather pattern:** Spring has been fresh and with some rainfall, guaranteeing a great development of the vine and a good start of the maturation process. Also during the summer it has been relatively fresh and with sufficient rainfall to obtain a good and constant maturation of the Nerello Mascalese grapes.
- **Fermentation:** Traditional for red
- **Fermentation Temperature:** 25/30°C.
- **Duration of Fermentation:** 8 days
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** Fully developed
- **Ageing:** 300-liter Slavonian oak barrels for 18 months, in bottle for 4 months
- **Alcohol Content:** 13,50% Vol.
- **Wine Analytical Data:** pH 3,49 - AT 5,50 g/l - ZR 1,70 g/l - ET 26,3 g/l.