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92+ 2015 Tasca d'Almerita *Mozia* **Points** Grillo Fondazione Whitaker

This is one of my favorite Tasca wines. I am fascinated by the island of Mozia and its ancient winemaking tradition. Mozia is a tiny island in the lagoon off the coast of Marsala that was once an important Phoenician outpost. Today, abandoned Grillo vineyards have been restored and replanted and this is the resulting wine. What makes the 2015 Grillo Mozia Fondazione Whitaker so special are the seaside influences that add sharpness and brightness. The Grillo grape delivers floral and tropical fruit aromas but only here on Mozia do you get this outstanding mineral definition. Some 23,000 bottles are produced.
—Monica Lerner

Italy, Sicily: A Generational Change

“Alberto Tasca d'Almerita presented an introduction to his project “SOSustain Sustainable Development Report” last year and I just received a printed copy of the study a short while ago. What Alberto Tasca d'Almerita and his family have achieved is a practical model that can, and should, be followed by other industry leaders. With an eye on how to reduce the Tasca environmental footprint, they outlined the company's impact on water, air, human resources, energy and the local economy among other things. The various Tasca properties produced 3,386,899 bottles in 2015, has 4,044 olive trees, 95 sheep, 24 indigenous varieties, 21 hectares of forest and 1,768,000 grapevines. Each vineyard parcel and property was then targeted for improved sustainability. Solar panels were added, eno-tourism plans developed, farm-to-table food programs designed, organic farming practices implemented and water recycling programs instituted. The winery is reducing glass weight on its heaviest bottles and looking to safeguard biodiversity. The SOSustain Sustainable Development Report is the most complete study of this kind that I have seen in Italy.”