



"Tasca's Tascante has unveiled an impressive set of new single-contrada wines that underline a commitment to the Etna wine philosophy and its traditions. These are inaugural vintages from the Contrade Sciaranuova (with two wines made from older vines and newer ones, respectively), Rampante and Pianodario. I am absolutely delighted by this range and the distinctive quality offered by each. I am equally impressed by the technical sheets that came with my samples. They show vineyard planting dates, soil maps and—most importantly—the exact location of each vineyard on the volcano and the corresponding lava flows.

Thank you!" – Monica Larner Oct 2019



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**Tenuta Tascante Contrada Pianodario
Etna DOC - 2016**

"One of three new single-vineyard wines introduced by Tasca's Tascante, the 2016 Etna Rosso Contrada Pianodario comes from the western-most parcel located between Montelaguardia and Randazzo. These are relatively new vines, planted in 2010, in soils representing various lava flows, the oldest in 1646 and the newest in 1981. This is a bright and accessible wine with pretty tones of wild berry and dried pomegranate followed by candied orange and pressed violets. It will no doubt be exciting to follow this wine as those vines get, proverbially speaking, older and wiser. Some 5,000 bottles were made."



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**Tenuta Tascante Contrada Rampante
Etna DOC - 2016**

"Made with vines planted at the dawn of the new millennium, the 2016 Etna Rosso Contrada Rampante comes from one of the best-performing parcels on the northern side of the volcano, where the topsoil (consisting of eroded volcanic stone and compacted ash) is a bit thicker and deeper compared to most other sites on the volcano. This allows for deep root systems and well-draining moisture. This wine shows a dark and compact nature with ripe fruit, dried blackberry, aniseed and camphor. Like the other wines in this series, this expression ages in 25-hectoliter Slavonian oak casks for 12 months. Some 5,000 bottles were made."



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**Tenuta Tascante Contrada
Sciaranuova Etna DOC - 2016**

"The 2016 Etna Rosso Contrada Sciaranuova is made with fruit from vines planted in 2008 at 730 meters above sea level. This is a classic expression from Etna with an even dose of wild berry, rose, mineral and spice. This wine shows an attractive level of balance and harmony, and I am especially attracted to those distinctive volcanic or mineral tones that frame this delicate, almost fragile wine. This Etna Rosso is mostly aged in large Slavonian oak casks, but a small part goes into 300-liter tonneaux. This adds a bit more volume and girth to the finish. Production is 5,000 bottles."



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**Tenuta Tascante Contrada
Sciaranuova Vigna Vecchia Etna DOC
- 2016**

"This wine is made from Tascante's oldest vines, planted in 1961. The 2016 Etna Rosso Contrada Sciaranuova V.V. (the initials stand for Vigna Vecchia or "old vines") is a beautifully polished and glossy expression with a fine and smooth aromatic presentation. It starts off with primary notes of forest berry and cassia and spans all the way over to campfire ash and camphor. That range is as beautiful as it is impressive. The mouthfeel is silky and soft with fine, powdery tannins. Put this delicate wine aside for a few more years. Some 5,000 bottles were produced."