



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

The Tasca Family

Winemaker:

Laura Orsi

Winery Founded:

2007

Region:

Sicily



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Tenuta Tascante "Ghiaia Nera" Etna DOC - 2017



BEST RED WINES FOR 2021

This is a Sicilian double whammy! I am telling you, wine lovers: Wines from Italian island regions are some of the best everyday and communal wines. They are bright and focused, with unique aromas.

Say it with me, because you're about to fall in love: Nerello Mascalese (neh-rello mah-ska-lay-zay). This amazing grape grows on slopes and surrounding hills of an active volcano in eastern Sicily. It is its own unique kind of wonderful, but if you like Pinot Noir or Sangiovese, this wine is your dinner table's new bestie. It bursts with juicy fruit that smells like cherries and has a slight tannic edge. The balance in this wine is awesome and would even benefit from a quick chill.

- Keith Beavers