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**Tenuta Tascante "Ghiaia Nera" Etna
DOC - 2018**

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PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

The Tasca Family

Winemaker:

Laura Orsi

Winery Founded:

2007

Region:

Sicily

The 2018 Ghiaia Nera Etna Rosso is a translucent ruby color in the glass with a pretty bouquet to match, offering notes of fresh strawberries, peppery florals and hints of mint. It's soft and fleshy in feel, possessing a pretty inner sweetness contrasted by mineral-tinged red fruits. There's an attractive smoky note that lasts through the finale, along with a subtle coating of framing tannin. A great introduction to Tasca's Etna portfolio, and a good value as well. The fruit for the Ghiaia Nera is sourced throughout the Tascante vineyards: Sciaranuova, Piano Dario, Rampante and Catania, all from the north side of Mount Etna. It's matured in 25-hectoliter oak casks for 12 months.

- Eric Guido