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**Tenuta Tascante "Ghiaia Nera" Etna
DOC - 2012**

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

The Tasca Family

Winemaker:

Laura Orsi

Winery Founded:

2007

Region:

Sicily

The 2012 Sicilia Nerello Mascalese Ghiaia Nera shows some of the warmth of the vintage and demonstrates why this was such an interesting year for red wines made on Etna. Ghiaia Nera boasts a bright ruby color with inner rays of raspberry and garnet. On the nose, it shows subdued intensity with delicate tones of cassis, dried cherry, balsam herb, cola and dusty mineral. The wine is not too "volcanic" in character. It does not show those overt sulfur flavors that can sometimes overwhelm the fruit. This points to careful farming and winemaking. If you are looking for an Etna value option, this wine is an excellent buy.

- Monica Larner