



MAY 2014

**Tenuta Tascante "Ghiaia Nera" Etna
DOC - 2011**

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

The Tasca Family

Winemaker:

Laura Orsi

Winery Founded:

2007

Region:

Sicily

From the blackened slopes of Mount Etna, the 2011 Tascante Ghiaia Nera is a pure expression of Nerello Mascalese. The Tasca family purchased precious vineyard land on Etna and began releasing a series of volcano-based wines about five years ago. This is a very successful, ruby-colored expression that is appropriate for near-term consumption. The grape's natural tannins have been softened and the wine shows generous fruit tones, mineral shadings, leather, tobacco and exotic spice.

- *Monica Larner*