

<b>WINERY NAME:</b>	TENUTA TASCANTE
<b>WINERY LOCATION:</b>	Castiglione di Sicilia (Catania province), Sicily
<b>VINEYARD LOCATION:</b>	Mount Etna, Sicily
<b>VINEYARD LAND:</b>	35 acres (14 ha)
<b>FARMING PRACTICES:</b>	Sustainable - SOSain Certified
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES:</b>	Nerello Mascalese and Carricante with smaller amounts of Nerello Capuccio and Chardonnay
<b>WINE STYLES:</b>	Dry white, dry rosé and dry red
<b>WINE REGIONS:</b>	Etna DOC, Sicilia DOC
<b>TOTAL WINE PRODUCTION:</b>	81,000 bottles (61,000 liters)
<b>YEAR FOUNDED:</b>	2007
<b>OWNER(S):</b>	The Tasca Family
<b>WINEMAKER(S):</b>	Laura Orsi



Sicily's star is rising in the wine world, with attention focused on the area around the great volcano, Mount Etna. Sicily has seen a revolution in wine quality over the last decade, with Etna leading the charge. Sicilian wines are sought out by wine buyers and consumers alike, with Etna wines most in demand.

The Tasca d'Almerita family, one of Sicily's oldest and most esteemed wine families, is now led by seventh generation Alberto Tasca. The family, who has been making wine across Sicily for over 200 years, is a leading producer of Etna wines at its Tenuta Tascante estate (the name is a portmanteau of Tasca and Etna). The estate was founded in 2007 with the purchase of two vineyards in the communes of Castiglione di Sicilia and Randazzo on the north face of the volcano. The northern exposure is a cool-climate area, due to the combination of elevation and less direct sun, which helps to retain acidity in the wines.

The Tasca family currently owns four parcels, located in the *contrade* of Pianodario and Sciaranova in Randazzo, and Rampante and Grasà in Castiglione. (A *contrada* is a small subdivision of a commune, based on various defining criteria such as elevation, cultural/historical significance, or the age of past lava flows.) The vineyards are mostly at elevations of 2,450 to 2,600 feet (750 800 meters) on the 11,000-foot mountain. All are certified as sustainable under SOSain, a Sicilian-based program that rates wineries and vineyards based on their impact on the environment, in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of the Environment's VIVA indicators of sustainability.

For the first several years, Tascante wines were unable to print "Etna DOC" on the wine labels, even though that was the source of all the grapes, because denomination rules require that wines be vinified and bottled within the DOC and Tasca did not have a facility on the volcano. Thus, the early vintages were labeled simply "Sicilia." However, that issue was rectified in 2016 with the acquisition of an existing winery in Castiglione, so going forward, Tascante's wines can be properly identified as products of Mount

Etna.

## WINES IN THE TENUTA TASCANTE PORTFOLIO

- Tenuta Tascante "Buonora" Etna DOC
- Tenuta Tascante Contrada Sciaranuova Etna Bianco DOC
- Tenuta Tascante "Ghiaia Nera" Etna DOC
- Tenuta Tascante Contrada Pianodario Etna DOC
- Tenuta Tascante Contrada Rampante Etna DOC
- Tenuta Tascante Contrada Sciaranuova Etna DOC
- Tenuta Tascante Contrada Sciaranuova Vigna Vecchia Etna DOC

