



# TASTING PACK WINE #140

## TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER DAVID KECK

Bright red core consistent to rim. Light staining of moderate tears. Tart red fruit, red plum, sour cherry, ripe strawberry. Slightly volatile acidity on nose, pretty red floral notes with an inorganic, smoky volcanic minerality. Sanguine, with a hint of green tobacco.

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## TASTING NOTES BY: F.L.X. TABLE'S MICHALIS KALAMPOUKAS

Red core, slight browning on the rim with light color concentration, tears are moderate and there's no staining. On the nose you get high-toned red fruit dominating, cherry cola, macerated strawberry and raspberry with potpourri floral quality. Slight herbaceous notes of oregano and Italian spice. Smokey, dusty minerality, with mushroom and light baking spice note. There's no new oak aging. The wine is dry, full bodied and fresher on the palate than the nose suggests.

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**Sweetness:** Dry  
**Tannin:** Medium Plus  
**Alcohol:** Medium Plus  
**Acid:** Medium Plus  
**Oak:**

So...  
WHAT  
IS IT?

old world  
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



## WINE DETAILS:

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**Winery:** Girolamo Russo

**Cuvee:** A Rina

**Grape:** 94% Nerello Mascalese

6% Nerello Cappuccio

**Country:** Italy

**Regions:** Etna Rosso

**Vintage:** 2017

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**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Elevation:** Fermented in a combination of formats -  
2,600 liter barrels, cement & vat

**Winemaking:** The Girolamo Russo estate was founded  
In 2005 by Giuseppe Russo in memory of  
His late father. He works the vineyards  
Organically and focuses on terroir driven  
Wines .

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## NOTES :

Nerello Mascalese is definitely reaching a lot of consistency from producer to producer in its beautiful red fruit, volcanic undertones, and structural character that is reminiscent of Nebbiolo and Pinot Noir having a weird southern baby. Girolamo Russo (well, Giuseppe, his son) makes such a delicious example of NM, organically grown, indigenous yeast, really speaking to the character of the slopes of Mt. Etna.

Retail Price: \$32

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