



MASTROBERARDINO

RADICI TAURASI DOCG 2016

Taurasi DOCG, Italy

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POINTS

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MAY 2020

...An alluring, dark, and earthy expression up front, which blossoms into a display of citrus-tinged blackberries, rosy florals. It coats the palate in silky richness, ushering in polished black fruits, offset by cooling herbal and mineral tones, as round tannins slowly emerge.... Long, youthfully poised, and structured, staining the senses in dark fruits, along with hints of spiced citrus and crushed violets. What a gorgeous Taurasi this is... – E.G.

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Wine & Spirits

DECEMBER 2020

A blend of aglianico from two Mastroberardino properties, one with clay-rich soils and the other predominantly sandy loam, this underwent a long maceration and aged in barriques for two years. It's much darker and denser than Stilèma, with rich, dark berry flavors layered with notes of crunchy herbs, smoked meat and tobacco. Firm, schisty tannins keep the flavors taut as brisk acidity propels the wine to a balanced, iron tinged finish. – S.J.

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POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST
MAGAZINE

APRIL 2022

Aromas of scorched earth, dried botanical herbs and baked plum form the nose along with whiffs of toasted nut. On the taut, structured palate, tightly knit, fine-grained tannins support dried cherry, licorice and tobacco. Drink 2024–2031. -K.O.

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Wine Spectator

OCTOBER 2020

Fresh and minerally, this elegant, medium- to full-bodied version marries taut tannins in a fine, tense frame with well-meshed flavors of roasted fig, crushed black cherry, Earl Grey tea leaf and woody spice. Lightly floral on the racy finish. Best from 2022 through 2032. — A.N.