

Antinori

Guado al Tasso 2014 exemplifies Bolgheri's elegance, showcasing a masterful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc, with a vibrant and savory finish that reflects the unique terroir of the Tuscan coast.



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Guado al Tasso Bolgheri Superiore 2014

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Guado al Tasso is produced in the celebrated **Bolgheri DOC** region on Tuscany's coast. This area is renowned for its **Super Tuscan wines**, which marry international varietals with the region's distinctive Mediterranean character. The vineyards are planted on **alluvial soils**, ranging from **clay-sand to clay-loam**, enriched with rocky deposits called "scheletro." These soils lend the wine its complexity, minerality, and structure.

The **2014 vintage** posed unique challenges, with an unusually rainy summer and cooler-than-average temperatures during July and August. To combat these conditions, intensive **leaf removal and crop thinning** were employed to promote grape ripening. By mid-August, the weather stabilized, with a mild and sunny September helping the grapes regain balance, resulting in fruit of exceptional quality.

Winemaking

The **2014 Guado al Tasso** is a blend of **Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc**, with Petit Verdot excluded in this vintage. The harvest began with Merlot on **September 10th** and concluded with Cabernet Sauvignon in early October. Grapes underwent a meticulous selection process both in the vineyard and after destemming, ensuring only the finest berries were used.

Fermentation occurred in **stainless steel tanks**, with a maceration period of **15 to 20 days**. After fermentation, the wine was transferred directly to **small French oak barrels**, where it completed a full **malolactic fermentation**. The aging process lasted for **12 months in new French oak barrels**, followed by blending and an additional **six months of barrel aging** before bottling. This method preserved the wine's vibrancy and elegance while enhancing its structure.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with garnet highlights.
- **Aroma:** Complex and inviting, with notes of cherries in spirits, tobacco, candied orange, and a touch of spice.
- **Palate:** Vibrant and supple, with well-integrated acidity, fine tannins, and a long, savory finish accented by spice.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 65% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Syrah



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Did You Know?

The **2014 vintage** marked a departure from tradition, with a higher percentage of **Merlot** in the blend and the exclusion of **Petit Verdot**. This adjustment reflects Antinori's dedication to crafting wines that best express the unique characteristics of each vintage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb Chops with Rosemary:** The wine's savory and herbal notes complement the robust flavors of the lamb.
- **Pasta al Ragù Toscano:** The vibrant acidity of Guado al Tasso balances the richness of the slow-cooked meat sauce.
- **Porcini Mushroom Risotto:** The wine's earthy undertones pair beautifully with the depth of mushroom flavors.
- **Aged Parmesan Cheese:** The sharp, nutty profile of Parmesan enhances the wine's layered complexity.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2014)

The 2014 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso has a level of aromatic intensity and breadth that is truly remarkable, especially for the year. Medium in body, gracious and lifted, the 2014 is pure class. Mocha, espresso, black cherry, leather and smoke are beautifully delineated in the glass. Medium in body and super-polished, the 2014 is without question one of the wines of the vintage on the Tuscan coast. I can't wait to see how it ages. This is impressive juice. Production is down by 40%. The 2014 Guado al Tasso is a rock star wine. I can't wait to see how it ages. (AG) (4/2018)



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2014)

The 2014 Bolgheri Superiore Guado Al Tasso offers more excellent surprises from this underdog vintage. Its deep, velvety color stands out first. This is an immensely soft and smooth red blend from the Bolgheri area on the Tuscan Coast. The wine opens to dark fruit aromas with background notes of spice, sweet tobacco and dark cacao. The tannins are refined and smooth with succulent end notes of ripe fruit and blackberry. The wine's texture is thicker and more elaborate than you might initially suspect. In fact, very little here indicates that 2014 was a cold and difficult vintage. Due to severe fruit selection, production of this wine is down by 30%. 93+



James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2014)

The aromas of crushed berry, rose and violet are very attractive. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Delicate finish.

