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Recognized as one of Tuscany's finest wines, Guado al Tasso 2015 captivates with its intense bouquet, elegant structure, and exceptional aging potential.



Guado al Tasso Bolgheri Superiore 2015

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Guado al Tasso is crafted in the prestigious **Bolgheri DOC** region, located on Tuscany's coast. The estate's vineyards, established on **alluvial soils**, vary from **clay-sand** to **clay-loam**, interspersed with rocky deposits known as "scheletro." These soils contribute to the wine's complexity, minerality, and structured elegance.

The **2015 vintage** was marked by ideal conditions for ripening. Winter was moderately cold, followed by a mild and dry spring that led to early bud break and flowering. The summer's initial heatwave balanced out with milder temperatures from late August, ensuring a perfect maturation of the grapes. Harvesting commenced on **September 12th** with Merlot and concluded on **October 9th** with Cabernet Sauvignon, producing fruit of remarkable quality.

Winemaking

Guado al Tasso 2015 is a meticulous blend of **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Merlot**, **Cabernet Franc**, and a touch of **Petit Verdot**, designed to capture the essence of Bolgheri's terroir. The grapes were carefully selected in two stages: first after harvesting and again after destemming, ensuring only the finest berries reached the fermentation tanks. Each vineyard plot was fermented separately in **stainless steel tanks**, with fermentation lasting **15 to 20 days** under temperature-controlled conditions.

After fermentation, the wine underwent a full **malolactic fermentation** in small oak barrels. It aged for **12 months in new French oak barrels**, after which the lots were blended and returned to oak for an additional **six months** of maturation before bottling. This meticulous process yielded a wine of extraordinary depth, balance, and age-worthiness.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with subtle garnet hues.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of tobacco, toasted coffee, and leather, interwoven with ripe berry fruit and hints of spice.
- **Palate:** Vibrant and well-structured, with integrated tannins and a lively freshness. The finish is long, with persistent spicy and fruity notes, highlighting its aging potential.

Alcohol :14,00 %

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



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Did You Know?

Guado al Tasso has been produced since 1990 and is celebrated as a quintessential **Super Tuscan**, embodying the unique combination of Bordeaux varietals and Tuscan terroir. The 2015 vintage received **97 points** from Wine Advocate and James Suckling, confirming its status as a world-class wine.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Short Ribs:** The wine's tannic structure complements the richness and depth of the dish.
- **Wild Boar Stew:** The earthy flavors of the stew pair beautifully with the wine's complexity.
- **Porcini Risotto:** The wine's freshness balances the creamy, umami-rich risotto.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano:** The sharp, nutty flavors of this cheese enhance the wine's layered profile.



Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2015)

The 2015 Bolgheri Superiore Guado Al Tasso is another star performer from a vintage that was tailor-made by some higher being specifically for the blended red wines of Tuscany. This mix of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot slides seamlessly right in there with our highest expectations of the iconic vintage. The wine offers beautiful intensity and purity, yet it also delivers balanced power and lasting persistence. This is a baritone expression from Bolgheri on the Tuscan coast with impenetrable black fruit, chocolate and tobacco followed by rich concentration and tightly knit texture. I tasted this wine next to a barrel sample of the unfinished 2016 vintage. This vintage appears more exuberant and opulent at this early stage.



James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2015)

So much blue fruit such as blueberries and blackberries; the purity of the fruit is incredible. Essence of cabernet sauvignon. Full-bodied yet with focused and fine tannins. Forceful but focused and polished. Needs two or three years to come around. And then enjoy for years afterwards.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 96 Points (2015)

The 2015 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso is just as impressive as it was last year. Dark, sumptuous and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2015 possesses stunning textural richness and yet maintains striking freshness. In 2015, Guado al Tasso is powerful and explosive, with tremendous energy in all of its dimensions. The slightly higher Cabernet Franc (18%) comes through in expansive, penetrating aromatics that add brightness to a core of dark fruit, mocha, espresso, spice and grilled herbs. Quite simply, the 2015 is a fabulous Guado al Tasso. (AG) (3/2019)

