



# Tenuta San Guido

The Tenuta San Guido Guidalberto 2022 is a beautifully balanced blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, offering a more approachable alternative to its renowned sibling, Sassicaia. This wine showcases vibrant fruit and elegant structure, reflecting the unique terroir of Bolgheri.



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Alcohol :13,00 %

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Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The Bolgheri region in Tuscany is renowned for its production of high-quality wines, particularly those made from Bordeaux varietals such as Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards of Tenuta San Guido are located near the Tuscan coast, benefiting from the pedoclimatic conditions that favor excellent grape ripening.

The 2022 vintage was marked by a warm growing season with some challenges. The winter brought above-average rainfall, which helped the vines endure a hot and dry summer. The lower yield per vine ensured concentrated flavors in the grapes, while the proximity to the sea helped preserve freshness and balance in the fruit. The harvest began in late August for the Merlot and extended through September for the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaking

The Guidalberto 2022 is vinified with a focus on maintaining the purity and balance of the fruit. The grapes were hand-harvested and underwent fermentation in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats. The wine was then aged in 225-liter barriques, consisting of 40% new French oak, with the remaining 60% being a mix of second, third, and fourth-passage barrels. This method allows for gentle oak integration, preserving the vibrancy of the fruit while adding depth and structure.

The wine was aged for approximately 15 months before bottling, with a small percentage of American oak used (around 5%), contributing subtle nuances without overpowering the character of the wine.

Tasting Notes

- Color: Deep ruby red with bright garnet reflections.
- Aroma: Initially a bit closed, but once opened in the glass, it reveals complex aromas of Mediterranean scrub, strawberry tree, juniper, and earthy notes of humus. Subtle spicy hints and a touch of oak contribute to its aromatic depth.
- Palate: The wine is smooth and balanced, with ripe tannins well integrated into the rich fruit profile. Fresh notes of dark berries, plum, and a hint of herbaceousness combine with a bright acidity and excellent salinity, providing length and persistence on the palate.



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- Finish : Long, with refined tannins and lingering notes of minerality , leaving a fresh and savory aftertaste.

### Did You Know?

The label of Guidalberto depicts the Oratory of San Guido , and the wine is named after Guidalberto della Gherardesca , an agricultural pioneer in the Bolgheri region who planted the famous Viale dei Cipressi (avenue of cypress trees) in the 19th century. This wine, first produced in 2000 , is a tribute to the history of the estate and reflects the pioneering spirit of its founders .

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- Roast beef with herbs : The wine's tannic structure and depth complement the richness of the roast, while its fresh acidity balances the flavors.
- Tuscan pork loin with rosemary : The herbal notes in the wine echo the rosemary in the dish, enhancing the savory elements.
- Wild mushroom risotto : The earthiness of the mushrooms pairs beautifully with the wine's humus and herbal notes.
- Hard cheeses like Pecorino Toscano : The wine's salinity and minerality balance the salty, nutty flavors of aged cheeses.

### Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2022)



*This red is elegant, despite its firm structure and dense tannins. Black cherry, black currant, plum, tobacco, iron and rosemary flavors hold court, while all the components show balance. The finish is long, with a salty taste. (Web-2024)*

### Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)



*Made with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, the Tenuta San Guido 2022 Guidalberto gives you a good taste of the same DNA that brings us one of Italy's greatest wines, Sassicaia, but it's offered in a more immediate style here (thanks to the addition of the Merlot). This warm vintage opens to medium-dark concentration and very plump aromas that take you immediately to blackberry and blackcurrant sitting out in the sun at your local farmers market. The wine shows a soft and gentle side with a pretty level of elegance transmitted through the fruit freshness and the light oak spice that is discernible here but delivered with grace. (ML)*

### James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2022)



*Lots of mint with sage and fresh rosemary to the currant and orange character on the nose, as well as some ripe raspberries. The palate is very refined with creamy and crunchy tannins that run the length of the wine. It shows a crunchy and energetic personality. Give it a year or two to come together, but it's showing brightness for the vintage.*



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