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Guado al Tasso Bolgheri Superiore by Antinori is a powerful yet elegant red blend, crafted to embody the complexity and sophistication of Bolgheri terroir.



Guado al Tasso Bolgheri Superiore 2020

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Guado al Tasso is produced in the prestigious **Bolgheri DOC** appellation in Tuscany's coastal region, known for creating world-class Bordeaux-style blends. The **2020 vintage** began with a mild winter followed by a few spring showers, fostering strong vine health. In March, an unexpected frost affected some young **Cabernet Franc** blocks, resulting in slightly lower yields but no major quality impact. From April onward, spring weather progressed steadily, leading to excellent flowering and fruit set.

Summer brought warmth and dry conditions without excessive heat, encouraging the grapes to ripen with balanced acidity and deep flavor concentration. By late September, cooler temperatures and intermittent rains added freshness and complexity to the fruit. The harvest started on **September 4** with **Merlot**, followed by **Cabernet Franc** and **Cabernet Sauvignon** through early October, showcasing the full ripeness of each varietal.

Vinification

Guado al Tasso 2020 follows Antinori's meticulous winemaking approach, ensuring only the finest grapes are selected. Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit is **sorted twice** : once before destemming and again afterward, allowing only fully ripe berries to proceed to fermentation. Each vineyard parcel is harvested and fermented separately to preserve its unique qualities. **Fermentation and maceration** occur in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats over **15 to 20 days**, ensuring ideal extraction of flavors and tannins.

After primary fermentation, the wine is transferred to **French oak barriques** for malolactic fermentation, completed by the end of the year. In February, the most promising vineyard parcels are blended and returned to new French oak for further aging, a process that continued until **June 2022**, when the wine was bottled. This careful aging process enhances the wine's structure, integrating tannins and flavors seamlessly.

Alcohol :14,50 %

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



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of dark berry fruits, such as blackberry and plum, are layered with notes of sweet spices, toasted oak, and hints of forest floor.
- **Palate:** Balanced and refined tannins provide a smooth, lingering mouthfeel, with rich flavors of dark fruits and a touch of earthy complexity. The finish is long and persistent, promising further evolution with age.

Did you know?

Guado al Tasso has been produced since **1990** and is sourced from vineyards planted on **alluvial soils** that range from clay-sand to clay-loam with rocky deposits. This diverse soil profile, known locally as "scheletro," contributes to the wine's complex minerality and structure, making it a true reflection of the Bolgheri terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina:** The wine's bold structure and dark fruit complement the richness of this Tuscan steak, while the refined tannins balance the meat's tenderness.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto:** Earthy, savory notes in the wine pair well with the umami flavors of porcini mushrooms, creating a balanced and harmonious experience.
- **Aged Parmigiano-Reggiano:** The wine's acidity and tannic structure match the cheese's nutty, savory profile, enhancing both elements.
- **Braised lamb with rosemary and garlic:** The wine's spice and dark fruit harmonize with the lamb's rich flavors and aromatic herbs.



Robert Parker (RP) : **96 Points** (2020)

The Marchesi Antinori 2020 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso sees Cabernet Franc at over 30% of the blend in this vintage, with the rest going to Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% to 20% to Merlot. Matarocchio was not produced this year, and this wine benefits from the extra Cabernet Franc as a result. The 2019 and 2021 vintages of Guado al Tasso are quite concentrated and rich, whereas 2020 is leaner in texture, along the lines of the edition we saw made in 2010. There was rain in September. Managing Director Renzo Cotarella says he would not describe 2020 as a hot vintage because the rain did pose challenges at the end of the growing season. In Bolgheri on the Tuscan coast, budbreak is earlier than in other appellations, and the growing season is longer as a result. This is a benefit to the international varieties used here. The wine shows nice richness and intensity. The Cabernet Franc definitely comes through and adds the characteristic vertical lift and linearity that the grape is known for. You get black fruit, spice, white pepper and no signs of bitter stems or bramble. Sweet, almost milky tannins are interlocked with fresh acidity to give this wine good cellaring potential. The new oak was dialed back a bit in this vintage.



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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 96 Points (2020)

The nose is rich with notes of blackberries, black cherry and soil, while a white pepper undertone provides pop. On the supple, warm palate, berries continue leading the way, before a salty, chocolaty finish with another kick of pepper. Stoic tannins are balanced by lively, persistent acidity.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 96 Points (2020)

The 2020 Guado Al Tasso pours an inky opaque red hue and reveals luxurious, layered aromas of sandalwood, cassis, boysenberry, lavender, and black olive. Fleshy and full-bodied, it fills the palate with ripe, sweet tannins and wonderful accents of salted dark chocolate on the finish. This is a wine that will certainly reward proper cellaring, but it already has a lot of the open-knit charm that's characteristic of this vintage. Drink 2025-2045.

