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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.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

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

Guado al Tasso Bolgheri Superiore 2022

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.

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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 (2022)

The Marchesi Antinori 2022 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso (a blend of 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 25% Merlot) is an unexpected wine. I was prepared for more overt ripeness but instead was greeted by a delightful mineral note of graphite or lead pencil that gives much needed contouring to this full-bodied Tuscan red. The wine is velvety and richly textured at its core, but it is also seamless with very pleasurable sweetness. All new oak adds hints of vanilla and spice. If you follow this wine, you'll notice that the percentage of Cabernet Franc has been increasing in tiny notches over the years. "Blending is key to achieving balance in a vintage like this," says Marchesi Antinori Managing Director Renzo Cotarella. Production this vintage is 140,000 bottles.

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Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2022)

The 2022 Guado al Tasso is laced with hints of plum, espresso, nutmeg, licorice, incense, lavender and dried herbs. Medium in body, with fine persistence and tons of class, Guado al Tasso has a lot to offer. There is a bit of tightness that is a reminder of the challenges of the growing season. A burst of dark fruit, exotic spice and sweet spice punctuates the finale. This is a terrific wine for the year. The blend is 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 25% Merlot. Late-season September rains were especially penalizing for Cabernet Sauvignon, hence the greater presence of Cabernet Franc and Merlot in the blend.

Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2022)

An expressive, polished red, featuring black cherry, blackberry, floral, iron and oak spice aromas and flavors. Fluid and juicy, with refined tannins for support and echoes of fruit and spices on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot.