

# Antinori

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 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.

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.

### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 98 Points (2021)



*The 2021 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso is a very beautiful wine, but also quite a departure from the style that made it famous years ago. Readers will find an especially polished Guado al Tasso, a wine that emphasizes finesse more than power. Silky tannins wrap around a core of black cherry fruit, licorice, spice, mocha and new leather. Bright, saline undertones extend the exquisite finish. There's more Cabernet Franc in the blend these days, and that very much comes through in the wine's crazy aromatic presence and feel. The 2021 spent 16 months in wood, three months in used French oak barrels during the malolactic fermentation and then 14 months in barrel (80% new) for the rest of its aging. Gorgeous. (AG)*

### Wine Spectator (WS) : 97 Points (2021)



*The pedigree and purity of this red are evident immediately from its black currant, blackberry, pomegranate, violet and wild herb aromas. Saturated with red and black fruit and picking up licorice and mineral elements, this is all about finesse and harmony. Cruises to the long finish, which is tinged with fruit, mineral, cedar, licorice and spice notes. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. (BS)*



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**James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2021)**

*This is really well crafted, with ultra-fine tannins that spread across the palate. It's medium-bodied with a balance of currant, dark chocolate and hazelnut character. It's so long and persistent, with gorgeous sophistication and unctuousness at the finish. Extremely well done.*

