

Antinori

Antinori Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato is a vibrant and approachable red wine from the prestigious Bolgheri DOC in Tuscany. It encapsulates the elegance and expressiveness of the Guado al Tasso estate, offering a modern take on this renowned terroir.



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 60% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Syrah

Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato 2023

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Guado al Tasso estate**, home to **Il Bruciato 2022**, is located within the prestigious **Bolgheri DOC**, a celebrated appellation on Tuscany's **Upper Maremma coastline**. Often referred to as the "**Bolgheri amphitheater**", this natural landscape is formed by rolling hills that encircle a broad plain stretching to the Tyrrhenian Sea. This configuration creates an ideal **microclimate** for viticulture, offering protection from harsh weather while benefiting from **consistent maritime breezes**. These breezes moderate summer heat, maintain steady humidity levels, and prevent frost during winter, fostering a balanced and extended ripening process.

The soils of Bolgheri are a rich mosaic of **limestone, clay, and sandy compositions**, contributing to the complexity and depth of the wines. The 2022 growing season saw a **warm and dry climate**, typical of the region, but benefited from well-timed rains in **August**, which helped sustain vine health and preserve natural acidity. The vineyard's dedication to meticulous practices, such as precise pruning and selective harvesting, ensures the highest quality fruit is brought to the winery for every vintage.

Winemaking

Il Bruciato 2022 begins with a careful selection of grapes primarily comprising **Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah**, with smaller portions of **Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot**. The vinification process starts with **destemming and gentle crushing**, followed by fermentation in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks**. Fermentation temperatures are carefully managed to maintain aromatic purity, particularly for the **Merlot** and **Syrah**, whose musts are fermented at slightly cooler conditions to preserve their fruity and floral notes.

Post-fermentation, **malolactic fermentation** takes place, with a portion completed in stainless steel tanks and the rest in **French oak barriques**, where the wine develops additional depth and texture. The final blend is aged further in **oak barriques**, balancing the fruit's natural vibrancy with the structure and subtle complexity imparted by the oak. The result is a harmonious wine that captures the essence of Bolgheri's terroir while delivering a modern, approachable style.



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Intense ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Aromatic profile includes ripe red fruits like cherries and raspberries, complemented by sweet spices, mint, and light tobacco undertones.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied with excellent structure, showcasing vibrant fruit flavors, well-integrated tannins, and a lingering, pleasantly fruity finish.

Did You Know?

Il Bruciato was first created in **2002** during one of the estate's most challenging vintages, as a way to highlight the Bolgheri terroir and make it accessible to a wider audience. It has since become a hallmark of approachable and high-quality Bolgheri wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Florentine steak:** The wine's structure and ripe fruit complement the savory richness of the steak.
- **Wild boar ragu with pappardelle:** Its spiced and fruity notes enhance the earthy flavors of the dish.
- **Mature pecorino cheese:** The wine's tannins balance the sharpness and saltiness of the cheese.
- **Herb-crusted lamb chops:** The wine's mint and tobacco hints harmonize with the herbaceous crust.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 93 Points (2022)

An opaque purple blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah, the 2022 Il Bruciato is luxurious with notes of blackberry liqueur and some blue fruit coming through along with notes of violets, olive, and black licorice. Full-bodied, with a weightless and seamless feel, it has no harsh edges and offers ripe tannins with a supple texture, fresh acidity, and clean ripeness through a rather long finish. This gorgeous wine checks a lot of boxes and is drinking beautifully now. It offers a lot of finesse as well as a wide drinking window. Drink 2024-2040.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2022)

The nose is hot, sanguine and earthy, with prominent aromas of leather, espresso and berry compote, but a gentle whiff of vanilla for levity. The palate offers an intense warmth like a sunrise's first rays that illuminate flavors of soil, herbs, flowers and finally, ripe berries.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2022)

Supple and expressive, displaying black currant, black cherry and blackberry flavors, plus hints of licorice, iron and rosemary. This red is taut, with firm tannins lending a compact finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Drink now through 2030. 15,000 cases imported.

