



Tenuta San Guido

The Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2021 is an iconic Super Tuscan from the celebrated Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC, blending Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc to create a wine of remarkable complexity and elegance.



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Sassicaia 2021

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC** is one of Italy's most prestigious wine regions, situated along the Tuscan coast. The name **Sassicaia** means "the place of many stones," a reference to the region's distinctive **gravel soils**, which are similar to those found in **Bordeaux**. These stony soils offer excellent drainage, forcing the vines to grow deep into the ground, which results in concentrated, mineral-driven fruit.

The vineyards of **Tenuta San Guido** are located at various altitudes, benefitting from extensive **sun exposure** and cooling **maritime breezes**. These unique conditions contribute to the wine's fresh acidity, complex aromatics, and refined tannic structure. The 2021 vintage benefitted from a growing season that began with a rainy winter, followed by a warm summer and a perfectly timed harvest, resulting in small but highly concentrated berries.

Winemaking

The **Sassicaia 2021** is produced with a meticulous winemaking process that emphasizes tradition and precision. The grapes are **hand-harvested**, followed by **destemming and crushing**. Fermentation takes place in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks** using **natural yeasts**, ensuring the purity of the fruit and terroir.

After fermentation, the wine is aged for **24 months** in a combination of **French oak barriques** from **Tronçais, Allier, and Jupilles forests**. About **40% of the barrels are new**, while the rest are first and second passage. This careful use of oak enhances the wine's structure and complexity without overwhelming its delicate fruit character. Frequent **bâtonnages** and the addition of **noble lees** during aging add depth and texture. The wine is refined in bottle before release.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 85% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, dark **ruby** with vibrant purple reflections.
- **Aroma:** The nose opens with intense aromas of **fresh mint**, **lavender**, and hints of **citrus**, followed by layers of **sweet spices** and a touch of **graphite**. A subtle saline quality emerges as the wine evolves in the glass.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the **Sassicaia 2021** is rich and enveloping, with a luxurious mouthfeel that showcases flavors of **dark berries**, **cassis**, and a hint of **tobacco**. The **saline and mineral** notes carry through, giving the wine a refreshing lift and remarkable length.
- **Finish:** Long and persistent, with fine-grained tannins that promise further complexity with age.

Did You Know?

The **2021 Sassicaia** continues the legacy of Italy's first **Super Tuscan**, a wine so successful that it was granted its own DOC in **1994**. The creation of Sassicaia dates back to the 1940s, when **Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta** first planted **Bordeaux varietals** in Tuscany, revolutionizing the region's winemaking.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Florentine steak:** The richness of the meat complements the wine's bold fruit and tannic structure, while the wine's minerality enhances the savory flavors of the steak.
- **Wild boar ragù:** The earthy, gamey notes of wild boar pair beautifully with Sassicaia's depth and spicy character.
- **Aged Parmesan:** The salty, nutty flavors of aged Parmesan enhance the wine's complexity, especially its saline and mineral qualities.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary:** The herbal notes of rosemary match the wine's minty, floral aromas, while the lamb's richness balances the wine's tannins.



Robert Parker (RP) : 100 Points (2021)

Here it is: A quintessential Sassicaia that represents the excellence of the vintage and also respects the unique taste profile of this distinguished Tuscan blend of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc. The Tenuta San Guido 2021 Bolgheri Sassicaia offers impeccable balance, excellent freshness and absolutely no signs of over-ripeness. The fruit balance is ideal with a hint of crunch and lasting tension from pulp and skins. The tannins are deftly managed with firm grip and enough velvetiness to add volume and length. There is no greenness on the bouquet that instead offers mulled herbs and spice, with cinnamon and clove, layered delicately between mostly red and some purple berry fruits. Redcurrant, blueberry, sweet pomegranate and Rainier cherry run strong in this vintage. A fragrant hint of heritage rose emerges with time. The oak tones are geared toward gingerbread, hazelnut, cigar, sandalwood and something like a grilled sweet red pepper. To the palate, it offers nice weight with no heavy glycerin, and a rinse of acidity that adds to the wine's natural energy, brightness and viscosity. That marked freshness opens the wine up to long aging potential, but you still need to give it more time in bottle.(ML)



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Decanter (DCT) : 100 Points (2021)

In 2021, 'we had a nicely paced harvest... surely a very fortunate vintage for us, for Bolgheri,' said Priscilla Incisa della Rocchetta at the launch in London of the 2021 vintage of Sassicaia. Welcome rain in mid-August came at just the right time to save the harvest, and production ended up being slightly higher than in 2020. Around eight to 10 separate vinifications were made, fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and spontaneous malo. The wines were racked to second- and third-use barriques in December 2021, then racked into a mixture of new and used barriques in March 2022. The last step was to make the final blend in stainless tanks, where the wine underwent micro-oxygenation before bottling and further maturation in bottle. Rich dark fruit and herb aromatics are pockmarked by blueberry and petrichor, leading into an intense and vertical palate that's super-fresh with a delightful breezy, saline character. Textured, integrated tannins emphasise the refinement of Sassicaia, showing just a touch of youthful dustiness. Tangy, bright black, blue and red berry fruits overlay underlying hints of dark chocolate and forest undergrowth in a remarkably precise fashion, with pomegranate and a stony minerality surfacing on the mid-palate. 2021 demonstrates lovely sapidity of fruit along with that characteristic freshness and lightness of step, finishing long and poised. Superb. 99-100. (AB)



Wine Spectator (WS) : 98 Points (2021)

Rich yet elegant, laced with black cherry, blackberry, cedar, mineral and oak spice aromas and flavors, this resonant red builds to the long, detailed aftertaste. Shows great balance, with vibrant acidity and refined tannins, yet this will benefit from a few more years of aging. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2026 through 2045.



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