



# Tenuta San Guido

Le Difese 2022 is a refined, smooth wine that is accessible yet sophisticated, representing the hallmark of Tuscan winemaking with a perfect balance of fruit and structure.



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## Le Difese 2022

Tuscany, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

**Le Difese 2022** comes from the prestigious **Toscana IGT** appellation, within the **Bolgheri** region on the Tuscan coast. The vineyards are located on hillside sites close to the sea, benefiting from **strong ventilation** and a significant **diurnal temperature range**, which helps maintain the grapes' natural acidity and balance.

The **2022 vintage** presented challenges due to warm weather and low rainfall, particularly during the flowering and fruit-setting stages, which reduced the overall yield. However, the proximity to the sea and strong winds provided cooling effects that helped preserve the grape quality, leading to a **well-balanced harvest** with good acidity and moderate alcohol levels.

### Winemaking

The **Le Difese 2022** is crafted with a focus on maintaining freshness and varietal purity. The grapes, a blend of **70% Sangiovese** and **30% Cabernet Sauvignon**, were **hand-harvested** starting from September 4th for the Cabernet Sauvignon and September 16th for the Sangiovese.

Fermentation took place in **temperature-controlled stainless steel vats**, with gentle extraction to preserve the delicate fruit flavors. The wine was then matured for **8 months** in **French oak barriques**, previously used for **Guidalberto**, followed by a period of conservation in **steel vats** to ensure tartaric stability before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, vibrant **ruby red**.
- **Aroma:** Expressive and aromatic, with intense notes of **fresh berries, cherries**, and subtle hints of **spice** and **herbs**.
- **Palate:** Smooth and elegant, with a beautiful balance of **fresh red fruit** flavors, well-integrated tannins, and a **light touch of oak**. The wine is approachable yet structured, with a soft mouthfeel and a refreshing finish.
- **Finish:** Long and pleasant, with lingering notes of **berry fruit** and a gentle **acidity** that keeps the palate refreshed.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 70% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon



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## Did You Know?

The name **Le Difese** is inspired by the "teeth" of the wild boar, a creature emblematic of the Tuscan countryside. First produced in **2002**, it is the youngest of Tenuta San Guido's wines and shares the prestigious pedigree of **Sassicaia**, one of Italy's most renowned wines.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Pasta with wild boar ragù:** The savory richness of the boar complements the fruitiness of the Sangiovese and the structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon.
- **Grilled Tuscan sausages with rosemary:** The herbal notes in the wine enhance the flavors of the sausages, while the acidity balances the richness of the dish.
- **Pizza Margherita:** The fresh tomato and basil flavors pair wonderfully with the wine's bright acidity and fruit-forward profile.
- **Aged Pecorino cheese:** The nuttiness and slight saltiness of the cheese complement the wine's smooth texture and delicate tannins.



### Decanter (DCT) : 92 Points (2022)

*Le Difese 2022 is a blend of 55% Sangiovese and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, the former brought in from long-standing partners based in Chianti and Chianti Rufina – 'In Bolgheri it's not easy to find Sangiovese,' third-generation Priscilla Incisa della Rocchetta explained. 2022 saw slightly lower production than 2021 due to a warm spring and a rainy autumn. Macerations were shorter than previous years, and the wine retains the same blend as last year as part of the estate's continuing plans to make Le Difese approachable almost immediately and give it its own Tuscan identity. Bright red and purple scents with a creamy backdrop and herbal touches lead to a soft and textured palate full of fresh, tangy cherry and dark hedgerow berries. (JB)*



### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 92 Points (2022)

*The 2022 Le Difese is plump, juicy and expressive, all of which make it a fine choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Crushed flowers, succulent red cherry fruit, mint, spice and blood orange all race across the palate. This exuberant yet mid-weight coastal Tuscan red is a total pleasure bomb. The 2022 is an especially fine edition. It benefits from a warm year - which can be a positive for entry-level wines - earlier bottling and selection. Le Difese is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (both estate and non-estate sites) and Sangiovese, all purchased. (AG)*



### James Suckling (JS) : 91 Points (2022)

*Bright and attractive aromas of raspberries and cranberries with some cedar follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a crunchy finish. Fresh and crisp. Second wine of Sassicaia.*



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