



TENUTA SAN GUIDO



SASSICAIA

BOLGHERI SASSICAIA

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA

Imbottigliato all'origine dal produttore
Tenuta San Guido - Bolgheri

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The Tuscan Coast is one of Italy's prime wine production zones – it's best red wines are among the greatest and most famous. The climate is much warmer than Montalcino, and so rather than Sangiovese it is the Bordeaux grape varieties that produce the best wines from Tuscany.

In the 1920s, the Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta dreamt of creating an aristocratic Bordeaux-styled wine. Two decades and several experiments later, he and his wife settled on the Tyrrhenian coast and founded Tenuta San Guido, with a vineyard planted to mostly Cabernet Sauvignon.

Sassicaia means “the place of many stones,” referring to the gravelly soil found throughout the region. The vineyards have a southwest exposure, with prolonged sun that creates strong and healthy vegetation. For the first twenty years of production, Sassicaia remained the marchese's personal wine until his son and nephew Piero Antinori convinced him to release it commercially.

Beginning with the 1968 vintage, the wine was first offered and reached universal acclaim - it is now considered one of the world's best Cabernet Sauvignon wines, and its success prompted the Italian government to grant the wine its own DOC.



2011

60 bottles available, \$190 per bottle

12 magnums available, \$380 per magnum

One of the greatest recent vintages in Bolgheri - the summer was long and hot, allowing for the harvest to last for one month, bringing in healthy and ripe grapes.

A powerful wine, but not obscuring any of the purity that is the hallmark of this great wine. Superb aromas of black cherries, blackberries, coffee bean, tobacco smoke and gravel. On the palate the wine is deep and full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit, very good focus and balance, substantial, but well-integrated tannins and excellent length and grip on the finish.

2012

60 bottles available, \$185 per bottle

A very hot summer, with sunny days and temperatures above the seasonal average, but also a cool drop at night that preserved the fruit integrity while producing ripe and concentrated grapes. Stunning bouquet delivers a classic blend of blackberries, mulberries, cassis, dark chocolate, gravel, cigar smoke and a very stylish base of cedary, spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and utterly refined, with a beautiful core of fruit, superb focus and balance, ripe substantial and perfectly-integrated tannins.



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