



## Guado al Tasso 2020

### Classification

Bolgheri DOC Superiore

### Vintage

2020

### Climate

Mild winter weather and occasional rain showers defined the beginning of the 2020 growing season. An unexpected cold snap struck the area in March with one frost event at the end of the month however no significant damage was caused except in several of the younger vineyard blocks of Cabernet Franc, which typically goes through bud burst precociously. These climatic conditions resulted in a slight drop in yields but did not adversely affect the quality of the fruit. Temperatures began to rise mid-April and the spring season progressed normally ensuring good flowering and fruit set, which took place between the end of May and the beginning of June. Overall, summer was hot and dry without extreme heat events. The fourth week of September brought cool temperatures and occasional light rain showers that lasted until October providing optimal temperature swings between day and night. The grape harvest began on September 4<sup>th</sup> with Merlot and continued with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon mid-September to the beginning of October.



## Vinification

Upon arrival in the cellar, the grapes were sorted on two different occasions, once before destemming and again immediately after to guarantee that only perfectly ripe berries reached fermentation vats. Keeping with tradition, each single vineyard parcel was subdivided into smaller blocks and the grapes were harvested separately based on climate trends and individual characteristics of each grape variety and then fermented separately. Fermentation and maceration took place in temperature controlled stainless steel vats for 15 - 20 days. After racking operations, the wine was transferred directly into barriques where malolactic fermentation was completed by the end of the year. In February, wine from the very best vineyard blocks was selected and the final blend was made. Guado al Tasso was again transferred into new French oak barriques where it aged up until bottling in the month of June 2022.

## Historical Data

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and occasionally a small amount of Petit Verdot to best represent the complex and elegant terroir found in Bolgheri. This wine has been produced since 1990 from vineyards on alluvial soils whose composition ranges from clay-sand to clay-loam with rocky deposits known as "scheletro".

## Tasting Notes

Guado al Tasso 2020 is intensely ruby red in color. The nose offers notes of small dark fruit, sweet spices, toasted oak, and forest floor. On the palate, tannins are extremely well balanced, refined, and persistent. This wine can be enjoyed immediately, perhaps even more so than the past vintage, but also has exceptional aging potential, an extended period of bottle aging allows the wine to evolve and improve over time.