



Classification:

Bolgheri DOC Superiore

Blend:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Climate:

The 2009 growing season was characterized by three successive phases: an early period punctuated by significant rainfall, then warm and sunny weather until mid-September and an early harvest for the Merlot. Cool and occasionally rainy weather in September delayed picking, but both Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot benefitted from this additional time on the vine to achieve important levels of ripeness and complexity.

Vinification:

A careful selection first in the vineyard and then in the cellars,- both before and after destemming, - preceded a soft pressing of the grapes, harvested and fermented parcel by parcel for a whole series of different wines to blend. A moderately warm fermentation used delicate extraction techniques to insure elegance and suppleness. The malolactic fermentation and 18 months of aging took place in small oak barrels. Ten months of bottle aging preceded release.

Historical data:

The estate takes its name from a curious fact: at the Guado al Tasso estate, timid badgers ("tasso" in italian) are sometimes seen crossing fords ("guado" in italian) in the streams. Guado al Tasso is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Florence near the medieval village of Bolgheri in the Upper Maremma. The 2500 acres (1000 hectares) property extends from the Tirrenian coast to inland hills where vineyards situated on rocky, slightly calcareous soil, are cultivated. The first Guado al Tasso vintage was the 1990.

Tasting notes:

On the nose the initial balsamic sensations are followed by aromas of ripe fruit and spices, on the palate is velvety, with soft tannins and much finesse. The finish and aftertaste are well supported by savory mineral notes and much length and persistence.