



ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc,
20% Merlot

BOLGHERI DOC SUPERIORE

2017 Guado al Tasso

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 season began with mild and dry weather conditions, prompting early bud break.
- May through August experienced hot dry weather, which reduced the size of the clusters.
- Rain showers at the end of August and September lowered temperatures slightly guaranteeing a balanced ripening cycle.
- Harvesting began early, starting with Merlot on August 26th and continued with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon during the last half of September.

VINEYARD NOTES

- The estate is located approximately 80 miles southwest of Florence, near the medieval town of Bolgheri.
- The 2,500-acre estate stretches up from the shore of the Tyrrhenian Sea to the hills, in the heart of Bolgheri amphitheater.
- The vineyard is at an elevation between 145 and 190 feet above sea level on stony, slightly calcareous soils.

HISTORY NOTES

- Guado al Tasso, meaning literally “Badger’s Ford,” takes its name from the common sight of badgers at the estate where this wine is produced.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- The grapes were carefully harvested by hand and brought to the winery in small crates to be hand-selected before and after destemming.
- Each parcel was vinified separately. A warm fermentation took place along with a soft extraction to ensure elegance and suppleness.
- After 18 months of aging, the best lots were selected and blended. The wine was bottled and aged for an additional 10 months before release..

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage is ruby red in color. On the nose are notes of red ripe fruits such as raspberries, strawberries, black berries and notes of mint. The palate of this red wine is soft and persistent with a tannic texture that is dense and silky. This vintage can be enjoyed now, but also possesses excellent aging potential.