

2016 Sassicaia

Tenuta San Guido, Tuscany, Italy

Product details

Vintage:	2016	Drinking:	
Producer:	Tenuta San Guido	Alcohol:	
Region:	Tuscany	Variety:	Cabernet sauvignon
Country:	Italy		

Tasting notes

The Sassicaia 2016 is a triumph. The aromatic maze of the nose is bound together with incredible energy and tension, linking blackcurrant, ripe damson, and cherry compote with dried rosemary, fresh charcoal and roasted black peppercorns. All throughout there is an inky line of balsamic vinegar and olive tapenade, sprinkled with cloves and nutmeg. On the palate, it is wonderfully refined and supple, with silken tannins providing a balanced framework. There is already a grace that matches the concentration and power, rendering it already remarkably approachable. This wine is truly iconic and will be ready to drink from 2021 until the middle of the century. **Armit Wines**

Reviews

The 2016 Sassicaia is a wine of soaring achievement. I tasted this wine several times during the course of its creation in both barrel and bottle, and the highly deserved 100-point score you see here was enthusiastically assigned at the conclusion of a mini vertical in which I tasted and compared the 2016 vintage against 2015 (which I scored 97 points). It makes perfect sense to present these two excellent vintages in back-to-back comparison fashion because they are two of the best to emerge from Bolgheri, and indeed Tenuta San Guido, in recent memory. This wine is chiselled and sharp with blackberry, ripe cherry, grilled herb and barbecue spice. The aromas flow from the glass in a continuous stream and are all marked by radiant intensity. The mouthfeel is long and powerful. The crisp linearity of the wine's tannic backbone is perfectly measured to the volume and depth of the fruit flavors. To my mind, the 2016 Sassicaia stands tall next to the epic 1985 vintage that set the ultimate benchmark for vino italiano.

Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate

About the producer

Quietly, elegantly and almost involuntarily, the Incisa della Rocchetta family set to release the wine that would revolutionise the Italian wine scene creating a totally new genre: the Super-Tuscan. Tenuta San Guido is now a legendary estate and was first planted in the 1940s by the Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, who noted the similarity between Bolgheri's terroir and that of the Graves. When, in 1968, Sassicaia was finally commercially released, it took the fine wine world by storm. Cementing its iconic status, in 1994 it was granted its own appellation - Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC.

