



TENUTA SAN GUIDO

LE DIFESE 2009

Appellation:	Toscana Indicazione Geografica Tipica	
First vintage:	2002	
Grape blend:	70 % Cabernet Sauvignon 30 % Sangiovese	
Soil composition:	The vineyards are planted on plots of land with different and composite morphological characteristics, as well as with a strong presence of limestone. These areas are also rich in rocks and rather rich in clay and are located at an altitude between 100 and 300 meters above sea level, facing West - South/West.	
Vine training:	Cordon spur system	
Planting density:	6.250 vine stocks per ha	
Climate:	The climate was excellent for the entire year. Between late autumn and early winter, we had very rigid temperatures that favoured the vegetative arrest of the plants. From mid-winter to late spring the rainfalls were incessant, combined with temperatures slightly below seasonal average. The bud pushing, as well as the following phenology phases up to the flowering, started with little delay. The summer season was very good, with sunshine and temperatures above the seasonal average. Between late July and late August, the temperatures were higher than seasonal average but, thanks to the presence of water in the soil and to the accumulation of winter and autumn rainfalls, we did not have problems in terms of water. The difference in temperature between day and night was excellent ensuring a good phenological ripeness of the grapes.	
Harvest:	As a result of the favorable climatic conditions, the harvest was carried out regularly, beginning in early September and ending in the first week of October.	
Wine making:	Maceration of the grapes in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for approximately 12 days, both for the Cabernet Sauvignon and for the Sangiovese.	
Ageing:	The wine is aged in American and French oak <i>barriques</i> for twelve months	
Assessments:		
* 90/100 points	Wine Advocate (31/8/2011)	
* 90/100 points	Wine Enthusiast (1/9/2012)	



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* 93+/100 points

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This is the finest Le Difese yet, and should be considered the IGT equivalent of a Carruades de Lafite from an excellent year. 14% alc. Drink now-2020.
(6/2011)

* 2/3 bicchieri

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