



TENUTA SAN GUIDO

SASSICAIA 2007



Appellation:	D.O.C. Bolgheri Sassicaia
First vintage:	1968
Grape blend:	85 % Cabernet Sauvignon 15 % Cabernet Franc
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:	Between 3.600 to 5.500 vine stocks/Ha for older vineyards and 6.200 vine stocks/Ha for newer vineyards.
Climate:	The 2007 season had a very mild winter with below average precipitation, which resulted in an early budding of about 10 days on average. Spring was mild with some rain at the right time, which allowed for a good vegetative growth leading to an advanced flowering. The development of the grapes was accompanied by a rainy June. The summer began with a hot and dry month of July, while the unusual heavy rains in the second half of August allowed for a regular ripening of the grapes.
Harvest:	The ideal climate conditions in September, marked by good, dry weather and significant temperature differences between day and night, led to both the perfect ripening of all varieties of grapes as well as the conducting of the harvest at the best time.
Wine making:	The primary fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel vats at a temperature of 30° - 31° C. The maceration of the skins lasted 15 days for both the Cabernet Sauvignon and the Cabernet Franc, with a combination of pumping over and <i>délestage</i> . The malolactic or secondary fermentation also took place in the steel vats.
Ageing:	The wine is aged for 24 months in French oak <i>barriques</i> and a few more months in the bottle before being released on the market.



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Assessments:

- * 93/100 points Wine Spectator 2009
- * 95/100 points M.L. in Wine Enthusiast
This iconic Italian wine from Bolgheri's landmark Sassicaia vineyard (characterized by little rocks, or "sassi") offers an elegant bouquet comprised in equal measure by mineral, fruit and spice nuances. The wine consists of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc and the finish is long, smooth and very fine. This is an ageworthy wine that should not be opened before 2018.
(tasted 15/12/2010)
- * 3+/3 glasses Guida del Gambero Rosso "Vini d'Italia" 2011
Sassicaia '07 belongs to the lot of the best vintages ever produced. A sumptuous and graceful red wine, able to enhance its own distinctive features. Beyond any detailed description, a wine of unparalleled class, with every detail aimed at the success of the whole, where form becomes substance, power and flavor.
- * 93 /100 points James Suckling on Hong Kong Tatler
This is classy on the nose with subtle currant, sweet tobacco, cigar box and dried flower characters. Cassis too. Full body, with refined tannins and a solid core of fruit. Polished and very pretty. Long and delicious already, but you'll have to wait on this because it has so much more to give. Try after 2015.
*(<http://hk.asiatatler.com/columnists/james-suckling/new-vintages-of-sassicaia>)
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