

**Sale Name:** Fines Wines & Spirits

**LOT 316 - Sassicaia Selection 2002-03-04-06 (4 bottles)**



**Estimate \$** 700-1000

### Description

#### **Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2002**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend

750 ml / Italy / 13.5% ABV

WA 88

"Oddly enough, this is the first official review of the 2002 Bolgheri Sassicaia in Robert Parker Wine Advocate. Presumably, the wine was overlooked due to the infamy of this widely condemned vintage. However, all is not lost. The wine offers a rather subtle bouquet of dried fruit, autumnal leaf, forest floor, button mushroom, tar and balsam herb. The effect is flat and one dimensional. And, the finish lacks freshness and vigor. What's the upside you ask? The wine seems to have taken on a life of its own. At a plateau now, I don't think it will change much in the coming years. It's a weaker expression of Sassicaia for sure, but Sassicaia it is nonetheless."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

### **Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2003**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 14% ABV

DC 95 | JS 95 | ST 93 | VN 93 | WA 92 | WE 91 | WS 92 | W&S 96

"The 2003 Bolgheri Sassicaia is full of unexpected twists and turns. Oddly enough, this vintage offered more overall freshness and balance than the much-celebrated 2004 edition. We all know that 2003 was a very difficult year with scorching hot temperatures that broke all records. Instead of jammy flavors or overt ripeness, this wine has embraced an all-balsam aromatic profile instead. The bouquet opens to dried cassis or red currant with eucalyptus, cola, grilled rosemary and medicinal herb. The tannins are silky and fully integrated within the wine's thick textural richness. There are areas that feel flat and sedate, but this is an impressive effort overall that shows impressive stability considering the challenges of the growing season."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

### **Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2004**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 13.5% ABV

JS 94 | ST 97 | VN 93 | WA 93 | WE 97 | WS 94

"The 2004 Bolgheri Sassicaia is the proverbial time capsule wine that takes you back stylistically to a retro winemaking era. These were the years of big extraction, large fruit and power and I can't help but feel some nostalgia for this era of Baroque winemaking. When I first tasted this wine in 2008, I had given it 97 points and I praised its primary tones of succulent cherry and blackcurrant. I also remarked on what I called its "little teaser" aromas of blue flower, cola and Mediterranean herb. All of those characteristics are happily intact today. In fact, they are remarkably well preserved with the same vigor, suppleness and continuity that I remember. This was a good vintage that saw high crop yields following the unforgettable heat of the previous 2003 summer. Over the years, this wine has fleshed out beautifully and it remains elegantly muscular and toned. The major difference is that the wine's oak nuances have become more prominent with time. That's why I scored it less this time. The bouquet makes a strong showing of baking spice, cinnamon, nutmeg and spicy tobacco. The tannins are smooth and plump and there is a point of cedar or rosewood sweetness on the finish. The style is full and generous and this wine will continue to hold steady for years to come."

June 2015 (ML – Wine Advocate)

### **Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 2006**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 13.5% ABV

DC 99 | IWR 96 | JD 99 | JS 95 | ST 95 | VN 95 | WA 96 | WE 94 | WS 94

"The Tenuta San Guido 2006 Bolgheri Sassicaia is a timeless classic. This might just be the vintage to photograph in an encyclopedia entry for Sassicaia. This is especially true at this exact moment in its long and promising drinking window. The wine shows less volume compared to some of the more opulent vintages, but it absolutely excels in terms of length and finish. It offers amazing drive and momentum that are fueled by the extremely fine nature of the wine's texture and the seamless unity of its flavors. It treads in light and delicate footsteps that will carry it far into the future. As they say in Italian: "Piano piano si va lontano"

(slowly slowly you go far)."  
April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

**Quantity: 1**

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