

**Sale Name:** Fine Wines & Spirits

**LOT 364 - Sassicaia Vertical 1993-94-95-96 (4 bottles)**



**Estimate \$** 1000 - 1500

### Description

**Sassicaia Vertical 1993-94-95-96 (4 bottles)**

**Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 1993**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend

750 ml / Italy / 12% ABV

WA 87

"This is the last vintage of Sassicaia to flaunt its revolutionary *Vino da Tavola di Toscana* status. The 1993 Sassicaia represents the end of an important era in Italian wine. Perhaps its symbolic importance outweighs the actual substance inside the bottle. This is a nervous and tightly wrapped wine with an inward-looking and introspective personality. There are dusty mineral notes of crushed granite and sea shell with mild tones of spice and candied fruit."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

**Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 1994**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 12% ABV

WA 88

"This is the first vintage that bears the Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC appellation. In fact, the 1994 Bolgheri Sassicaia represents the first edition of the first single-winery denomination in Italy and this special distinction has never again been duplicated. Furthermore, this release has never been formally reviewed in Robert Parker Wine Advocate. My impression is that the oak integration is less successful in this effort. There is a moment of hollowness on the mid-palate that is subsequently followed by dry and dusty oak tannins."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

**Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 1995**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 12% ABV

DC 94 | WA 91 | WS 90

"The 1995 Bolgheri Sassicaia still holds court, thank you very much. It reminds me of a grande dame, or a woman of influence and sophistication who lights up the room thanks to her expertly delivered, albeit antiquated charm. The wine's aged evolution is evident as the bouquet releases sure aromas of dried fruit, old spice, saffron and cola. I can't say the aromas reach perfect equilibrium, because they don't. There is a muddled fruit note in there too that subtracts from its purity. The mouthfeel is svelte and lean with finely polished and silky tannins. In fact, the wine's texture shows precision and elegance. Pretty menthol notes appear on the long finish. Drink through 2025."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

**Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 1996**

Bolgheri, Super Tuscan Blend  
750 ml / Italy / 12.5% ABV

DC 98 | WA 92 | 91

"Here's a little gem from Tenuta San Guido that has never been reviewed in Robert Parker Wine Advocate (except informally by me one year ago in a Hedonist's Gazette). I have consistently found the 1996 Bolgheri Sassicaia to be an impressive wine on the few occasions I have had to taste it. This is one of those rare underrated vintages that bring so much delight and surprise in an important retrospective such as this. As I recall from my informal tasting, this Sassicaia shows a heavy dose of Cabernet Sauvignon typicity but without the astringent medicinal tone or unripe greenness you might expect. Instead, it delivers a bright but balanced, tonic verve that is driven by the wine's natural acidity. I had previously paired this wine with an oversized bistecca alla fiorentina t-bone steak and the marriage was perfect. This was a difficult vintage in Bolgheri, but the results in the bottle suggest otherwise."

April 2017 (ML – Wine Advocate)

Proceeds from the sale of this lot are to the benefit of The Palliative Care Society of the Bow Valley.

**Quantity: 1**

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