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*Tuscan wines from the great estate
of Sassicaia*

Nicolò Incisa della Rocchetta's **Sassicaia** needs little introduction. The estate has been a major player on the international fine wine stage for half a century, crafting wines which have a real sense of place and reflecting beautifully the unique *terroir* of Bolgheri - no more so than in the 2017 vintage.

Here we are offering the second wine, Guidalberto, which was launched with the 2000 vintage and is made from the fruit of younger vines and de-classified Sassicaia barrels. Alongside this is the third wine, Le Difese, made from Cabernet Sauvignon blended with Sangiovese fruit from the original plantings on the property. Both wines offer a snapshot of the greatness this estate can produce at a fraction of the price.

One of the driest years on record since 2003, 2017 has produced wines with exceptional focus and concentration and one in which the Bolgheri microclimate came into its own. A cold winter was followed by a relatively dry spring, with temperatures beginning to rise from the middle of May onwards and only very sporadic rain to refresh the vines. Summer continued in much the same vein, with hot, dry days, however in Bolgheri the sea influence kept temperatures more reasonable, with some August storms freshening the air. Harvest began at the end of August for the Merlots, finishing at the end of September for the Cabernets under relatively cool conditions, resulting in wines with a degree of freshness which in August didn't seem probable.

Shipping will be in the early summer.

Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW
February 2019

£ per case
in bond, London

Le Difese, Tenuta San Guido	2017	6 bottles per case	£70
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70% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Sangiovese; 8 months ageing in barriques

Red black to the rim, not intense, with a nose of sweet, creamed peppery black fruit, stalky with crisp, briary fruit on the palate, juicy as well, with a fresh, light finish. Delicious now and for the next three years or so. Drink 2019 - 2022

Guidalberto, Tenuta San Guido	2017	6 bottles per case	£130
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60% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Merlot; 15 months ageing in a mix of French and US oak barrels

Deep dark red black right to the rim with a nose of brooding black fruit, creamy and rich, tarry with a hint of new wood behind, alluring with delicious definition, leading to a palate of lovely, intense dark fruit, brambly and rich, spiced and tarry with a gorgeously succulent finish laced with ripe tannins. Really nicely done. Drink 2020 - 2025

Wines are offered subject to availability and this offer closes on 28th February 2019.

They will be shipped in early summer 2019

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