

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Tenuta San Guido 2020 Bolgheri Sassicaia

This is simply the first and the finest Super Tuscan that Bolgheri produces. Tasting notes aptly describe this special bottle: "The Tenuta San Guido 2020 Bolgheri Sassicaia speaks to those who seek a more voluptuous, opulent and, ultimately, more accessible wine. This vintage is a precise reflection of Coastal Tuscany, as opposed to a more generic 'Tuscan' wine from elsewhere in this large central Italian region. You taste the ripeness and soft fruit weight that comes from a coastal appellation with especially bright luminosity and warm Mediterranean offshore breezes. Sassicaia from the cool vintages is a famously reticent or withholding wine in its earliest years, requiring a long lead time before it eases into an ideal drinking window. That's definitely not the case here. This wine is beautiful and compelling straight out of the gate, showing a lovely mix of dark fruit, oak spice, balanced freshness, textural richness, soft tannins and an expertly contained 14% alcohol content. The wine's immediate character is what distinguishes this vintage, and I wouldn't get too fussed by exaggerated cellar-aging ambitions. The wine awards sheer pleasure in its current form, with dazzling primary fruit and soaring intensity over the near and medium term." If you're a fan of Italian wine -- or even more specifically, Super Tuscans -- this bottle is a great purchase no matter if you wish to consume it now or lay it down for 10 to 20 years. We were extremely fortunate to receive a case of this wine. As I mentioned earlier, while not inexpensive at \$268.99, it's more of an investment. If going to Italy is a future dream of yours, you can enjoy one of these in the meantime.

DAN'S PICK

Château du Rouët 2022 Rosé

I know, I know, so many rosés... Well, seeing how it's the last week of May and Memorial Day weekend, I have to do one last rosé. Château du Rouët 2022 Rosé is my final rosé pick for this season. Besides the fact that the bottle is one that all rosés used to be packaged in. This rosé is comprised of 50% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 20% Syrah, and 10% Tibourenc. "Grown on the slopes of the Esterel mountain, not far from Antibes and Cannes, these wines rank with the very best of Provence. They are also extremely well priced. Enormous care is taken over the vinification making every cuvée a delight with the local herb-rich provençal cuisine." I've always enjoyed these wines every year we bring them in, and with an \$18.99 price point, they're perfect for this weekend's cookouts!