

Decanter

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DOWN TO THE SEA By Richard Baudains (cont...)

Podere Guado al Melo, Jassarte Rosso, Toscana ★★☆☆

From European and Caucasian varieties, Michele Scienza's intriguingly original wine is pale, intense, dry and refined. A gamut of aromas. 2008–2012. £24.31; Evy

Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri Rosso Superiore ★★☆☆

Ripe, plummy fruit on the nose, big tannins, spicy oak on palate. Serious, concentrated wine. Needs time to come together. Drink 2010–2020. £64.99; Wmb

Tenuta San Guido, Guidalberto, Toscana ★★☆☆

Cassis nose and a faint whiff of oak; delicious mid-weight fruit and tannin palate. Shows good length and green pepper finish. Classy second label. 2008–2012. Evy, £23.34; Lng, £19.17

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Castello del Terriccio, Toscana ★★☆☆

Fascinating nose, with a mix of wild berries, mixed herbs and spices developing into a truly spectacular bouquet. Palate begins tight and firm and finishes long and intense. Thoroughbred tannic grip on finish. 2010–2025. £44.50; L&S

Tenuta di Ghizzano, Veneroso, Toscana ★★☆☆

Sangiovese gives red fruit character. Cabernet provides depth and structure. Chunky texture on the palate, long finish. 2008–2020. N/A UK; +39 0587 630 096

Caiarossa, Toscana ★★☆☆

Complex, mature fruit nose. Sweet leather background. Exuberant mouth-filling palate. Bags of personality. 2009–2015. £37 (IB); BBR

Castello del Terriccio, Lupicaia, Toscana ★★☆☆

Ripe, solid, well-extracted Cabernet with Mediterranean character on nose and tangy fruit finish. Needs time for oak to retreat. 2009–2020. £79.50; L&S

Duemani, Suisassi, Toscana ★★☆☆

Intense sour berry Syrah character on the nose, concentration but wonderfully drinkable agility and freshness on palate. Long and grippy. 2009–2015. £54.99; PrV

Cosimo Maria Masini, Nicolò Toscana Rosso ★★☆☆

Ripe, complex fruit nose. Game and leather in the background. Intense fruit, young, grippy tannins and naturalness on palate. 2009–2015. N/A UK