

**2012 Guado Al Melo Bolgheri
Superiore Atis**

The 2012 Bolgheri Superiore Atis is Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. This vintage of the wine is very impressive thanks to density and the richness presented to both the nose and the mouth. There is a slight roughness here as well that gives the wine personality and sets it apart from its peers. It offers an authentic and genuine character that is very likable.

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**2013 Guado Al Melo Bolgheri
Rosso Rute**

The 2013 Bolgheri Rosso Rute is heavily redolent of candied cherry, red rose and dried blackberry. That fruit intensity is impossible to miss and this vintage is very different than 2012 that was more mineral and dry in character (especially on the bouquet). The blend is Cabernet Sauvignon with a smaller part Merlot. The dryness that I remember from the previous vintage is apparent in the mouth. This is red wine to drink over the next five years.

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**2013 Guado Al Melo Guado al
Melo Bianco**

The 2013 Guado al Melo Bianco is mostly Vermentino with other white grapes thrown in for good measure. This is a very pretty and floral expression with feminine notes of honeysuckle and peach blossom. The wine shows medium weight and good consistency with soft fruit flavors on the finish.

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**2014 Guado Al Melo Bolgheri
Rosso Antillo**

Made with Sangiovese, the 2014 Bolgheri Rosso Antillo opens to a deep garnet color and easy aromas of wild berry, forest floor, spice and bramble. The wine is thin and compact in the mouth (many wine from this difficult vintage show this weakness) but the acidity is well managed. I would suggest Antillo as an easy drinking red for pizza or pasta night.

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2012 Guado Al Melo Jassarte

The 2012 Jassarte is made with international, Italian and Caucasian grape varieties. It represents a huge blend of vinous importance. Despite these lofty ambitions, no one grape stands out and the wine (especially this vintage) feels bitter and slightly astringent. The nose offers little fruit, but instead delivers crushed mineral, spice and grilled herb. The personality here is extremely wild, raw and rustic.

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