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2018 Guado al Melo • Bolgheri Rosso Rute

2018



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Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
89	\$25	2020 - 2028
Reviewed by Monica Lerner	An uncommon red you might try with a rare grilled bonito steak with ginger and wasabi, the Guado al Melo 2018 Bolgheri Rosso Rute casts Cabernet Sauvignon as the star at 80% of the blend and Merlot (20%) in a supporting role. This is a nicely concentrated, mid-weight wine from one of the most creative producers, Michele Scienza, in the Bolgheri appellation. (Although some of the estate's most interesting wines are IGT expressions.) This blended red offers black fruit and toast with unusual layers of graham cracker or caramel. Earthy notes and porcino mushroom also play faintly on the bouquet. Some 35,000 bottles were made.	
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2017 Guado al Melo • Bolgheri Superiore Atis

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Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
91	\$30	2021 - 2030
Reviewed by Monica Lerner	Made with 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the 2017 Bolgheri Superiore Atis somehow still showcases the textural softness and black cherry aromas mostly associated with Merlot. This is a full-bodied wine with a rich and generous bouquet shaped by the hot sunshine and the soaring temperatures of the vintage. The bouquet reveals the sort of blackberry preserves, syrupy crème de cassis, spice, cedar and smoked mahogany or mesquite that you'd want to saddle up with a grilled steak. To the palate, the wine delivers firmness and a touch of sour fruit. About 8,000 bottles were released.	
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2019 Guado al Melo • Vermentino L'Airone



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Rating 89	Release Price \$20	Drink Date 2020 - 2022
Reviewed by Monica Lerner	The Guado al Melo 2019 Vermentino L'Airone reveals honey, bergamot, peach and Golden Delicious apple, giving the wine some extra richness and texture compared to many of its peers. The style is more open-knit, soft and oxidative overall with some subtle sweetness on the close. This is not one of those brilliantly sharp and crisp Vermentinos, but it is instead a wine that prizes silkiness and creamy softness. Don't be afraid to pair it with spicy Chinese chicken. Some 20,000 bottles were made.	
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2017 Guado al Melo • Jassarte



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Rating 91+	Release Price \$60	Drink Date 2021 - 2030
Reviewed by Monica Lerner	A crazy field blend of 30 Mediterranean and Tuscan grape varieties, with 2,800 bottles released, the 2017 Jassarte evokes a "Jurassic" theme in viticulture because the ancient world of wine is magically brought to life in this offbeat, almost paleontological, assembly. I've tasted many vintages of this wine over almost 20 years. I think this is the best and most-balanced edition I have sampled so far. Balance is the operative word, because imagine how challenging it is to make a wine with so many moving parts from an experimental vineyard that mimics a pre-phylloxera garden. Dark fruit and blackberry are followed by toasted spice, graham cracker and some of the other aromas that we saw in the other new releases from Guado al Melo. You can't beat this level of creativity.	
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