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ITALY'S BEST AND TWO LEADING ISLAND WINES

Italy's most iconic wine estate, **Tenuta San Guido**, is a partner in the top Sardinian venture, Agripunica. Together with legendary Tuscan consulting oenologist Giacomo Tachis, they have matched Carignan with the warm south Sardinian climate. *'Carignano gets sweet, soft tannins due to the intense light of the south,'* explains the winemaker, adding that the nearby sea counters with a cooling influence on the 25-year-old bush vines. *'It feels like a frontier, the same as Bolgheri did 50 years ago.'* A small percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is planted in a clay-based soil not too dissimilar to Bolgheri, the home of Sassicaia. **Barrua** is 85% Carignan in a rich powerful style, whilst **Montessu** is 60% Carignan and is slightly softer for earlier drinking.

After the richly-fruited 2009 **Sassicaia**, the 2010 is back to its serious, brooding self. Likened to the **benchmark 1985**, it will age effortlessly for three decades! The delicious **Le Difese** is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese, whilst the **Guidalberto** is a baby Sassicaia and offers great value.

We have also landed new vintages of our beloved **Terre Nere**, wines made on the upper northern slopes of active Mount Etna. Terre Nere *'continues to make compelling wines that set the standard for the Etna,'* says Antonio Gallioni ex-Wine Advocate. The red variety, Nerello Mascalese, *'bears more than a passing resemblance to the Volnays of the Cote de Beaune'* with the power and tannins of Piedmont. The ever-popular Rosso is sold out (the 2012 arrives in two weeks); it showed the extreme quality of the 2011 Etna vintage and the single vineyards are profound. We have very small quantities of the extremely impressive **Vigne Niche** and **Don Peppino**, which is made from 140-year-old vines!

Taste these new Italians in Cape Town on Wednesday, 27 November or in Joburg on Tuesday, 26 November.

IGT Sardinia

Producer	Wine	Vintage	Score	Price	Order
Agripunica	Barrua	2010	(2009 WS 92)	R 450	
Agripunica	Montessu	2011	(2010 WS 90)	R 250	

DOC Sicily

Terre Nere	Etna Rosso****	2012	(2011 WA 92)	R 195	
Terre Nere	Etna Bianco	2012	(2011 WA 93)	R 195	
Terre Nere	Etna Bianco Le Vigne Niche	2011	(2010 WA 93)	R 350	
Terre Nere	Etna Rosato (Rosé)	2012		R 195	
Terre Nere	Etna Rosso Calderara Sottana	2011	(2010 WA 91)	R 380	
Terre Nere	Etna Rosso Guardiola	2011	(2010 WA 93)	R 380	
Terre Nere	Etna Rosso Prephylloxera Don Peppino	2011	(2010 WA 94)	R 795	

**** Arriving in two weeks

DOC Bolgheri

Tenuta San Guido	Guidalberto	2011	WA 92	R 450	
Tenuta San Guido	Le Difese	2011	WA 89	R 250	
Tenuta San Guido	Sassicaia	2010	WA 96	R 1,950	
Tenuta San Guido	Sassicaia Magnum	2010	WA 96	R 4,050	

•WS – Wine Spectator

•WA – Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Please [see here for all the notes](#) as well as other new wines from Piedmont: **Marco Marengo** and **Marchesi di Gresy**. (Read about Marchesi di Gresy on [Winecellar.co.za](#)).

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New arrivals

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Vinous regards,
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