

Dear Members,

As eluded to in the latest email 2021 is an exciting vintage from Tuscany. Club Vinicon already has a number of Tuscan wines in its portfolio including the 2020 releases from Sassicaia, Saffredi- Fattoria le Pupille's amazing value estate from Maremma and has already traded parcels from Tignanello and Masseto.

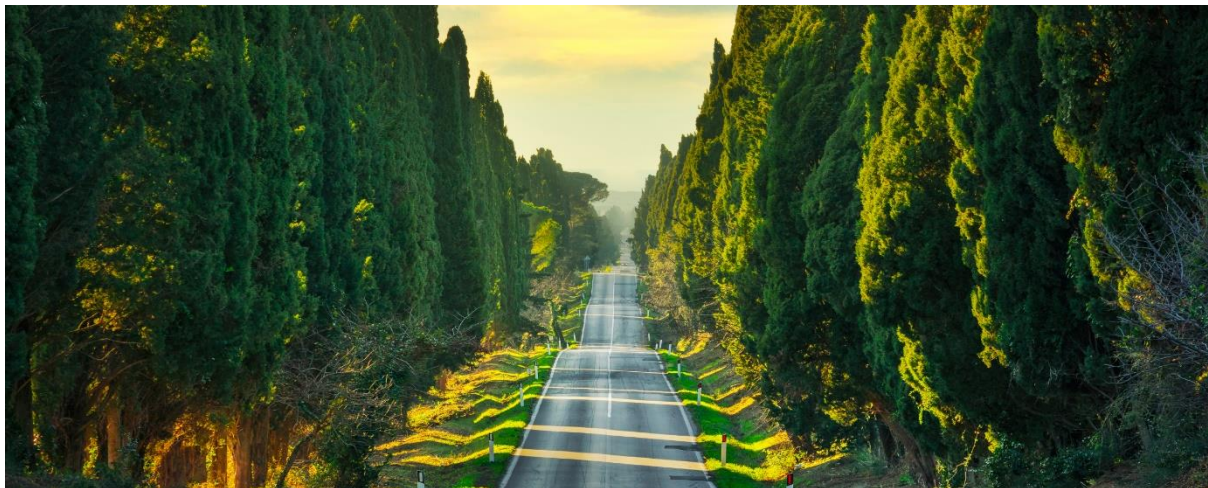
The region has seen huge growth in both quality and interest in the wines in recent years and the value has risen accordingly.

Tuscany Focus

Tuscany is certainly a region of powerful families. For Centuries the great Tuscan families have dominated the landscape of wine production, but the founding father of Super Tuscan wines is Marchesi Mario Incisa della Rocchetta. The Marchesi settled in Bolgheri in the 1940's and through his love of Bordeaux began experimenting with Cabernet Franc in Tuscany.

From 1948 to 1967, consumption of Sassicaia—the original Super Tuscan—was strictly confined to the wine's home, Tenuta San Guido. Then in 1972, the Marchesi's nephew Piero Antinori arrived and the world was introduced to the first commercial release of Sassicaia—the 1968 vintage. New plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon were soon added, and a new wine great was born. Classic vintages, including the 1985, soon put the property on the world's list of must-have wines; it now consists of 85 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 15 percent Cabernet Franc.

In 1987, the estate bottled the first official release of Masseto, made from 100 percent Merlot grapes. Masseto became another world-renowned wine, with the 2001 vintage garnering 100 points from Robert Parker. Other Bolgheri wines to look out for include Guado al Tasso and Grattamacco.



Asides from wine Bolgheri is beautiful hill top town, approached via an avenue of Cyprus trees- quintessentially Tuscan.

Tuscan Wine Investments

The wines of Tuscany have been leading the way in Liv-Ex's Italy 100, and even in the softer trading conditions of the past 12 month the prices have been holding up. The 3 years to December 2022 saw exceptional growth in the prices- led by Tignanello which has been on a phenomenal trajectory.

The 2021 vintage shows great investment promise with unprecedented scores from Sassicaia (100pts Wine Advocate), Ornellaia (99 Points James Suckling- Ornellaia's highest score), Saffredi (99 Points James Suckling), with Masseto and Tignanello to be released later this year.

Sassicaia launches in the next two weeks and there will be much anticipation around this, the last 100 point wine the 2016 has seen a 150% gain in the five years since it was released while the legendary 1985 vintage is over £18,000 per case of 6.

Investment Update

January has been a quieter month with an the original fund acquiring a case of below market DRC La Tache which has a planned destination to be sold with the other 2 cases of DRC that are in the investment, realising a 12 month investment gain of 30%, whilst Club Nouveau has acquired a parcel of Domaine Leflaive from the 2019-2022 vintages that should perform very well.

Watch this space for Sassicaia, Tignanello and later in the year Masseto.

Tignanello leads Super Tuscan performance

