

# Graziano Family of Wines

## 2006 Mendocino Zinfandel



### WINERY

Greg is the grandson of an Italian immigrant grape grower and winemaker. His father continued the tradition which Greg continues. With training and experience in a number of California wineries, Greg and wife Trudi founded the Graziano Family of wines in 1988. Initially focusing on Tuscan and Burgundian varietals under the Monte Volpe and St Gregory labels, in 2001 they began making Mendocino wines, including this zinfandel.

### DESCRIPTION:

The Graziano Mendocino Zinfandel comes from thirteen different Zinfandel vineyards scattered throughout the benchlands and hillsides of Mendocino County. Many of these vineyards are still farmed by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation Italian-Americans. This vintage displays a rich dark purple garnet color and deep aromas of black cherry, boysenberry, plum, spicy sandalwood with hints of toasty oak. Uplifting flavors of plum, black cherry cola and a subtle earthiness combine to give this full-bodied Zinfandel a generous mouth-feel. Rich full tannins and balanced acidity lead into a long, lingering finish.

### PRODUCTION:

4685 cases (750 ml)

### HARVEST:

October 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### BLEND:

100% Zinfandel

### FERMENTATION:

Crushed into open top fermentor with 4 days of cold soak, pumped over and punched down twice a day for 16 days.

### AGING:

Barrel aged a total of 24 months in combination of French, American and Eastern European oak (20% new)

### ANALYSIS

14.5% alcohol by volume; pH 3.8; residual sugar 0.4%

### BOTTLED:

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