

# Monte Volpe

## 2006 PRIMO ROSSO



- 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 varieties under the Monte Volpe and St Gregory labels, in 2001 they began making Mendocino wines under the Graziano label and Piedmontian wines under the Enotria label.
- DESCRIPTION:** Wines made at Monte Volpe are rich in color, fragrance, flavor and offer a great deal of finesse. The wine is rich and intensely fruity with appealing aromas and flavors of spicy melon, ruby red grapefruit, anise, and mineral. It is nicely balanced by crisp acidity and a long, lingering finish. Reminiscent of their Italian ancestry, they display a vibrancy that is the hallmark of wines produced from fully ripened grapes. This brand focuses on classic red varieties of Tuscany and the supple white cultivars of Friuli.
- WINEMAKING:** Grapes were hand-harvested at an average of 26.0 degrees brix in the months of September and October, 2006. After crushing into small open-top stainless steel tanks, the must was cold soaked 4 days, pumped over and punched down twice daily for 2 weeks during fermentation before being pressed off into barrels.
- SOURCE:** This is a blend of six varieties: Zinfandel, Carignane, Petite Sirah, Sangiovese, Negroamaro and Nebbiolo, grown on the hillsides of the Ukiah valley. This wine has a medium dark purple-garnet color, with fruity aromas and flavors of plums, boysenberry jam, spice and earth with hints of toasty vanilla. Rich full flavors, smooth tannins and balanced acidity seamlessly carry through to a long, complex finish.
- COOPERAGE:** 18 months in French, Eastern European and American oak barrels.
- BOTTLED:** Egg white fined, rough filtered and bottled on August 5th, 2008.
- PRODUCTION:** 4,125 cases
- ANALYSIS:** Alcohol 14.5%, TA .68, pH 3.61, RS 0.4% (dry)

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