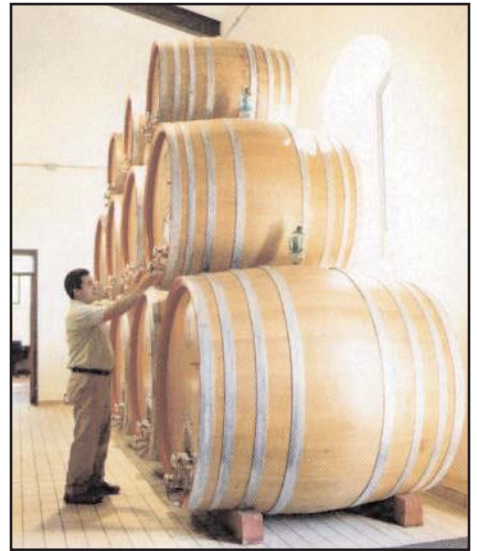


On the Tuscan Trail



Above: Giovanni Napolitano, the cantiniere, at work in the aging room at Il Molino di Grace

Left: Chianti's Molino di Grace winery

Below: Sylvester Anthony's 'Grape Bearers' in the vineyard



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CHIANTI Il Molino di Grace

Manni drives with the abandon that only Italians can pull off, often overtaking cars on the hairpin turns. We are heading to Panzano to meet Frank Grace and his wife, Judy, who are living out the Tuscan dream: owning a winery in Chianti. Avid art collectors and travelers, they have shaken up the Italian wine establishment. In their sixth year of production, they received a prestigious Gambero Rosso award for best emerging winery. Il Molino's powerhouse is the 100 percent Sangiovese Super Tuscan, Gratus, the kind of wine you want to chew rather than sip. Save room for a bottle (or two) in your carry-on.

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