



PANZANO (FL)

IL MOLINO DI GRACE

Loc. Il Volano
50022 Panzano (FL)
Tel: 0558561010
www.ilmolinodigrace.com

Frank Grace's winery is no shooting star. In just a few years, it has carved out a place in the ranks of fine quality wine producers. This year's performance is perfectly workmanlike, with three wines through to the finals. The best of these, the Chianti Classico Riserva '01, was awarded Three Glasses, a result that rewards the well-oiled machine driven by Gerhard Hirmer, with oenologist Franco Bernabei in charge of winemaking.

Let's take a look at the Three Glass star. A very dense, inky, ruby red ushers in precisely defined aromas of ripe wild berries, intertwined with cinnamon and clove spice. The lavish, generous entry progresses to a mouthfilling mid palate rendered lively and juicy by the nicely crafted tannin and a sweet, stylishly long finish.

The Riserva Il Margone '01 is also inky in hue but shows more black-skinned fruit on the nose, including blackberries and plums, nicely melding restrained floral hints of violets and a whisper of oak. Smooth, warm and rounded on the palate thanks to the alcohol, it signs off with a return of the fruity sensations.

The Gratus '03, a monovarietal Sangiovese, has a very generous range of aromas, with sweet chocolate and vanilla blending with roasted coffee beans, and ripe fruit fusing with hints of balsam. The dense, concentrated palate leads to a very attractive, lingering finish.

The Volano '03 is excellent value for money, revealing spicy aromas and a supple body, while the Chianti Classico '02 is simpler, clean and well typed.

italianwines 2006

**A GUIDE TO THE WORLD
OF ITALIAN WINE
FOR EXPERTS
AND WINE LOVERS**

● Chianti Cl. Ris. '01		5
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '01		6
● Gratus '03		7
● Il Volano '03		3*
● Chianti Cl. '02		5
● Gratus '00		7
● Gratus '01		7
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '99		5
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '00		6

* Especially good value for money