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With amazing regularity, given its relative youth, Frank Grace's estate has taken home yet another Three Glasses for its trophy case. The wine in question is a superlative Gratus '04, a Supertuscan obtained from sangiovese. Estate manager Gerard Hirmer oversees the day-to-day work while wine guru Franco Bernabei looks after the oenological side of things on a consultancy basis. The estate lies on the road leading from Panzano in Chianti towards Radda, the galestro clay and limestone soil of its plots facing south and southeast. Gratus presents quite a range of aromas featuring various fruits, wild berries to the fore, and faint nuances of balsam. Entry on the palate is superb, enfolding and juicy, warm and powerful with extremely elegant tannins, well-integrated acidity and a very, very, long sweet finish. The Riserva '03 also shows well, its nose luxuriating in hints of cherry-led ripe and brandified fruit that merge with notes of tobacco and leather. The structure is big but not hard, the tannins are good and the finish is pleasantly long. The Chianti Classico '04 is a light wine with a fine, elegant bouquet redolent of flowers, followed by a lean, fresh-tasting body. Il Volano offers excellent value for money in the '04 version with its delightful nose and tasty palate. We were rather disappointed by the Riserva Il Margone '03, which is a bit murkier on the nose and the flags on the palate owing to its very rigid tannins.

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AWARDS**

● Gratus '04		7
● Chianti Cl. Ris. '03		5
● Chianti Cl. '04		4
● Il Volano '04		3*
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '03		6
● Gratus '00		7
● Chianti Cl. Ris. '01		5
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '01		6
● Gratus '01		7
● Gratus '03		7
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '99		5
● Chianti Cl. Il Margone Ris. '00		6

* Especially good value for money