



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

TOLAINI SOC AGRICOLA SRL AL PASSO, 2006

BACKGROUND

PIERLUIGI TOLAINI, A NATIVE OF TUSCANY, IMMIGRATED TO CANADA AND ENJOYED OVER 45 YEARS OF SUCCESS IN AMERICA AS AN ENTREPRENEUR. HE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE LAND IN 1998 AND PURCHASED 90 HECTARES OF THE BEST LAND AVAILABLE IN THE CHIANTI CLASSICO REGION OF CASTELNUOVO BERARDENGA. HE CONSTRUCTED, FROM THE ROOTS UP, THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART WINERY WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING THE BEST TECHNOLOGY AND WINEMAKERS TOGETHER TO BRING TO LIGHT WINES THAT WOULD BE A MODERN EXPRESSION OF THIS SIGNIFICANT REGION. PIERLUIGI HIRED FAMED ENOLOGIST MICHEL ROLLAND WHO TOGETHER WITH HIS TEAM HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN MAKING THE BEST WINES BY IMPLEMENTING MODERN WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES WITH A VITALLY UNIQUE INGREDIENT: TUSCAN TERROIR.

WINEMAKING

ATOP THE TALLEST HILL ON THE TOLAINI ESTATE STANDS A UNIQUE FOREST, KNOWN AS AL PASSO . CENTURIES AGO LOCAL LAND BARONS HUNTED USING TRAINED BIRDS AS DECOYS TO LURE THE PREY INTO THE PASSAGE (PASSO). TODAY THIS HILL OFFERS MAGICAL, BREATHTAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND SUNSETS OVER THE TOWERS OF SIENA. NAMED FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FOREST, AL PASSO IS A MODERN WINE THAT COMBINES THE BEST TUSCAN TRADITIONS. AL PASSO SHOWCASES THE NATURAL AFFINITY OF SANGIOVESE, THE BACKBONE OF CHIANTI, FOR THE NOBLE MERLOT.

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THE WINE EXHIBITS AN INTENSE AND ENTICING BOUQUET OF RIPE FRUITS AND SPICY OAK THAT LEADS TO A BALANCED MEDIUM-BODIED PALATE WITH RIPE FRUIT AND FRESH ACIDITY. WHILE AL PASSO DRINKS WELL UPON RELEASE, IT HAS POTENTIAL FOR SEVERAL YEARS OF BOTTLE DEVELOPMENT.

REVIEWS

RATING: 91 POINTS - WINE SPECTATOR (2006 VINTAGE)

"SWEET, RIPE STRAWBERRY AND SLICED PLUM, WITH HINTS OF EARTH. FULL-BODIED, WITH SOFT, ROUND TANNINS AND A DECADENT AND DELICIOUS FINISH. TURNS CHEWY. HARD NOT TO DRINK NOW. BEST AFTER 2012. 2,500 CASES MADE."



VINTAGE: 2006

WINERY: TOLAINI SOC AGRICOLA SRL
([HTTP://WWW.TOLAINI.IT](http://www.tolaini.it))

REGION: IGT TOSCANA (ITALY)

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE IN
CONSIGNMENT (6 BTL CASE)

COMPOSITION: MERLOT AND
SANGIOVESE

VINTAGE SCORES: *WS/91*

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