SUPER T-REX

2001
Tuscan Style
California North Coast
Red Table Wine
73% Sangiovese, Sonoma County
14% Cabernet Franc, Napa County
8% Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County
5% Dolchetto, Sonoma County

The greatest Italian wines come from Tuscany, where winemakers added California and French techniques to their grape growing and winemaking to produce the best of these, known as the *Super Tuscan* wines. **Super T-Rex** honors these wines and the Rex family's Italian heritage.

The Sangiovese comes from three Sonoma vineyards with unique terrior, *Windsor Oaks* in Chalk Hill, *Alpichella* on the top of Mt. Hood between Sonoma and Napa and from *Alegria* in the Russian River. The Cabernet Franc is from the *Livingstein Vineyard* on Mt Veeder, Napa and the Cabernet is from *Ladi's Vineyard*. The Dolchetto is from *Windsor Oaks*.

Super T-Rex is a Meritage style wine with an Italian bent. It's a French girl in a Ferrari. It has the forward fruitiness and lovely varietal characteristics of a Sangiovese with the depth and complexity of a Meritage blend.

Our style is state of the art Californian, beginning with a partnership between grower and winemaker. We let our grapes get fully vine ripened then hand pick and hand sort each bunch. The winemaking techniques are gentle and meticulous, resulting in this wine with a brilliant garnet hue, full expression of the fruit flavors, well integrated oak and layered complexity. The nose and flavors fill every corner of the palate lingering into a long finish. Each component wine was fermented and aged separately for the first year. The blend was done at the end of that year and returned to the barrel for a second full year of barrel aging in French and American barrels. The wine is unfined and coarsely screened at bottling.

Super T-Rex will pair superbly with many foods, especially Mediterranean cuisine. It is very enjoyable now and due to its structure and stability will age well.

About the spelling of Dolchetto: California farmers began spelling Dolcetto as Dolchetto early in this century. This spelling has been used interchangeably. We honor that tradition.

Winemakers: Robert Rex & Michael Browne

Cases Produced: 990 Alcohol: 14%

SO₂ at bottling: 15 parts per million Bottling Date: March 19, 2003 Release Date: July 15, 2003

Awards: Rated 85 points and

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