

# SANTA BARBARA WINERY

## 2006 SANGIOVESE

The Stolpman Vineyard is located in Ballard Canyon about 9.5 miles east of our Lafond Vineyard. The warmer climate in Ballard Canyon is nicely suited for Sangiovese, historically the primary grape of the Chianti region of Italy. Known for its dense cherry fruit, Sangiovese's popularity has been on the increase as winemakers around the world discover the structure and full-bodied nature of the wine along with its affinity for blending with other varietals.

Winemaker Bruce McGuire continues to be pleased with this newer block of Sangiovese; 2006 is the fifth harvest from this section. This wine is enflamed with rustic spice, bright forward cherry flavors, an underlying core of acidity, and soft food-friendly tannins. Walking the tight rope between the true Tuscan style and a New World flare, Bruce strives to maintain the structure of the acclaimed Chiantis from the Montalcino and Montepulciano regions. It is always a champion in summer especially with dishes utilizing fresh vine-ripened tomatoes. Enjoy between the summer of 2009 and 2012.



### HARVEST

Dates: October 23, 2006

Vineyards: 100% Stolpman Vineyard

Sugar: 26.2<sup>o</sup> Brix

Production: 575 cases  
Sugg. Retail Price: \$24.00

### WINE

Barrels: Hungarian and French oak 130 gallon  
puncheons, 30% new wood

Total Acid: .69

pH: 3.41

Alcohol: 15.4%

Date Bottled: May 15, 2008

