



## Spring Newsletter 2007, Volume 17

### **Tularosa Vineyards releases 2006 Grenache.**

Back again as a varietal at Tularosa Vineyards is our newly released 2006 Grenache. Grenache has actually had a long and proud history at our winery. In fact, it was one of the very first varieties planted here. Over the years we have blended it with many different types of wines and wine styles. It's considered a workhorse variety of sorts and lends itself extremely well to blending with other grape varieties, most notable are the Tempranillo grape in Spain and the Syrah grape in France. Grenache really has 2 distinct international identities as Grenache is a large component for wine in Spain as well as in Southern France.

Grenache's ability to produce in warm climates and under arid conditions has proven itself a winner in the Tularosa Basin.

The grape is most often found playing a supporting role in wine blends, partnered with a long list of varietals, including Tempranillo, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan and Cinsault. Its strength is its ability to grow in arid and windy conditions, and it's particularly suited to our dry and windy springs in the Tularosa Basin. Grenache is the most planted grape in Spain, where it is known as Garnacha, it is found in almost every region of that country. When blended with Tempranillo in Rioja, Garnacha can provide the wines of the region with body and alcoholic strength. In France, it is extensively grown in the Southern Rhône, Provence and Languedoc-Roussillon. It is a component of almost every appellation in the south. In the Southern Rhône, it partners with the more tannic Syrah, to add youthful fruit and alcohol to Côtes de Rhône wines. Our 2006 Grenache

The Tularosa Vineyards 2006 Grenache is blended with 6% Shiraz/Syrah and possesses a dark ruby color, crisp acidity, notes of raspberries and cherries, and beautiful texture, elegance, and finesse. Reminiscent of a high-class Pinot Noir, this delicate yet flavorful red should be enjoyed over the next 2-3 years. Reminiscent of an excellent Rhone (French) style Grenache wine. The Grenache for this wonderful wine is produced 100% from grapes grown at Tularosa Vineyards.

### **Dolcetto is back by popular demand!**

The name Dolcetto means little sweet one in Italian, but it is a reference to the taste of the grape and not the wine. It is grown extensively in Northern Italy in the Piedmont mountains. It is usually fermented clean and without oak there and released early and drunk young. Northern Italians drink their Dolcetto waiting for their Nebbiolos to mature. Tularosa Vineyards last produced Dolcetto in 2000. The chance came again to produce a Dolcetto in 2006 from Deming, New Mexico fruit and here it is The Tularosa Vineyards 2006 Dolcetto. It has wonderful blueberry fruit and a smooth finish.

### **Festival Time!**

**Memorial Day Weekend: May 26, 27, and 28th**

#### **Southern New Mexico Wine Festival**

At the Southern NM State Fairgrounds, Las Cruces, NM

#### **Albuquerque Wine Festival**



Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, NM

**Tempranillo and Sangiovese vines on 1103P rootstock. Note: the cartons are to protect vines from rabbit damage.**