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Platinum Series Selection

Sbragia Family Vineyards
2007 Monte Rosso Cabernet Sauvignon
 Sonoma Valley
983 Cases Produced

As a student, Ed Sbragia (pronounced Spra-ghia) tried to get out of being in the wine business, but his effort in that regard failed. Simply stated, the Sbragia family has been in the wine business for generations, first in their native Italy (in the North, around Lucca) and lately in the confines of Sonoma and Napa Valleys. Ed Sbragia's grandfather came to the United States in the very late 1800's and married and parented Ed's father, Gino, who became a noted winemaker. The family always assumed Ed would follow in his father's footsteps, but Ed decided differently. He graduated from UC Davis with a degree in chemistry and attempted to find work in a field unrelated to wine, but jobs were hard to come by at the time and he finally landed a position as a research chemist with E. & J. Gallo Winery. The experience changed Ed's attitude about wine and the industry, as he saw for the first time what the combination of science and agriculture could accomplish. After going on to study Enology at Fresno State and working for some time at the prestigious Beringer Brothers Winery in St. Helena, Ed was ready to start his own family winery. He began investing in vineyard property and today owns 47 acres that he calls the Home Ranch. In 2001, he released his first wines under Sbragia Family Vineyards and also acquired the old Lake Sonoma Winery that immediately became the winery's new home. Today, Sbragia's wines are incredibly well received with high marks and numerous medals to its credit.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Ed Sbragia has loved the Cabernet from Monte Rosso Vineyard for as long as he can remember, and for good reason. With elevations that range from 900 to 1,200 feet, the aptly named Monte Rosso is a classic mountain vineyard, resting firmly on the southwest side of the Mayacamas mountain range in the Sonoma Valley AVA. Sitting above the fog line with undulating hillsides, the vines struggle for nutrients here and the rich concentrated fruit shows it. With the Sbragia Monte Rosso Cabernet, Ed likes to let the integrity of the grand old Monte Rosso vineyard shine through, keeping the intense fruit flavors – black cherry and wild blackberry – front and center, then bolstering it with just enough oak to add structure and interesting notes of spice. This wine has the profile of a refined, old-vine Cabernet – sleek, stylish and alluring, with a plush texture and long expressive finish. *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* rates the Cabernet **92 Points** and *Robert Parker* dons it with **91 Points** – adding to its 91+ Point streak since the 2003 vintage! Aged 24 months in oak. 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc. Enjoy now until 2017.

REORDERS*2007 Monte Rosso Cabernet Sauvignon*

Winery Direct: \$50.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**2-Bottle Members: \$42.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$40.00 /bottle**

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

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