

2007 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL – SONOMA COUNTY



EXCEPTIONAL

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences

87 Points

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

California Grapevine



HISTORY

First released in 1997 as Heritage Clone Zinfandel, this is the 10th anniversary of this delicious Zinfandel. Using old vine budwood grafted into a new vineyard, the Heritage bottling represents the best of a young vine Zin with distinctive old vine characters.

GROWING SEASON

2007 was excellent across the board. Warm and dry temperatures remained moderate allowing the grapes to achieve full maturity and flavor potential.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2007 Heritage Zinfandel combines fruit from the warm Dry Creek Valley and cool Russian River Valley appellations. Aromas of blueberry and raspberry are framed by notes of white pepper and chocolate. On the palate, an abundance of fresh berry fruit mingles with dollops of creamy oak. The tannins are refined and smooth, giving this wine a long and satisfying finish.

RELEASE DATE	March 15, 2009
BLEND	87% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
HARVEST DATES	September 3 – 28, 2007
ALCOHOL	13.5%
BRIX	Average 24.7
FERMENTATION	Average 18 days in stainless steel fermenters, pumped over twice daily during fermentation.
PH	3.79
TA	.61g/100mL
BARREL AGING	9 months in American and French oak, 39% new oak
SOILS	Varies with a combination of gravelly loam and clay loam on rolling hills to steep hillsides.
VINE AGE	Varies from 6 to 18 years
YIELDS	Averages 3 to 6 tons per acre