



2003 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL

Wine Enthusiast - "89 POINTS"

December 15, 2006

Here's a well-behaved young zin, dry and fruity, with firm tannins and acids that will cut through barbecue. The cherry, blackberry, cola and peppery pomegranate flavors will play beautifully against a rich, savory barbecue sauce.

Dan Berger's Vintage Experience - "EXCEPTIONAL"

October 5, 2006

Pepper and blackberry and a load of violet fruit. Not for aging, but a mouthful of fruit for serving with roasted meats. Only 8 cases of this stylish red wine remain.

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This is a Cab-like Zin. It has a nice balance, lush but easy tannins, good acidity and instant credibility, but never loses Zin's woolly, wild feral quality. Demands rich fair, like beef short ribs.

California Grapevine - "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"

February - March 2005

Medium-dark purplish ruby; intense, spicy, jammy, peppery, raspberry and blackberry fruit aroma; full body; big, rich, concentrated, raspberry fruit flavors that appeared a bit tight and hard; full tannin; lingering aftertaste.

Santé

September 2005

Full bodied and concentrated with a nose of cooked dark berries, spice, and alcohol and flavors of blackberry/raspberry jam, allspice, vanilla, coffee, and black pepper; long finish. Char-grilled hanger steak.

Orange County Wine Competition 2005 GOLD MEDAL

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Best of the Year 2003

The Beeson Ranch vines, from the western side of Dry Creek, are 100 or more years old. The flavors are very different from the Somers Ranch Zin, instead offering mint and fresh strawberries layered over a base of chocolate. Quite firm on the finish, this could also be held up to five years.

Decanter – California 2003 - ★★★ “THREE STARS”

Nose of raspberries with mint-eucalyptus. Focused blackberry and dark cherry palate.

Colorado Wine News

April – June 2004

Contains 15% petite sirah and spent 21 months in American and French oak. It has a bouquet of black raspberry preserves, coffee, sweet smoke, vanilla, and Damson plum which continue onto the palate where they are laced with loads of tannin and somewhat tart acidity. The finish is long and medium-broad and the wine is well balanced, structured, and integrated.
