



2004 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Restaurant Wine - "FOUR STARS"

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The Old Vine bottling is round, full bodied, and medium rich in style; a fine Zin, with blackberry and black pepper character. Long, lightly oaky finish. 80+ year old vines.

Beverage Dynamics - "88 POINTS – FOUR STARS"

November/December 2007

Rich, big zinfandel with plenty of tannins to go around; black pepper, figs, plum and blueberry on the nose; on the palate, ripe dark fruit, dust and some minerality with some rich oak nuances; includes 10% petite sirah; will also stand up to some aging; pair with pork, grilled lamb or a spicy, Asian fish dish.

Wine Enthusiast - "87 POINTS"

September 2007

Dark and dramatically rich, with blackberry jam, cherry-pie filling, milk chocolate and cinnamon spice flavors, this polished wine has gorgeously fine tannins. It could use greater acidity for structure, though, because it's very soft and melted, which makes all that fruit taste sugary sweet.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "87 POINTS – ONE PUFF"

May 2007

Standing apart from its mates by dint of its hard-to-ignore tannins, but still solidly fruited and very much on the varietal path, this sturdy young Zin is shot through with ripe berries and gets a boost in overall richness from its nicely placed oak. Its fraction of Petite Sirah contributes a puckery bite at the end, but the wine has the concentration and depth to weather four or five years of aging. It would want savory lamb dishes as its mate today but a pork loin roast would be better if the wine is allowed to age to a softer maturity.

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Wine Enthusiast - “93 POINTS” – EDITORS’ CHOICE

November 15, 2006

The primary source of this Zin is from Dry Creek Valley. It’s rare to find this quality and quantity of upfront fruit in a Zin that’s so balanced, but here it is. Massive raspberry, cherry, blackberry, mocha and Asian spice flavors, with buttery, smoky oak notes. Just delicious. Drink now.

San Francisco Wine Competition 2006 GOLD MEDAL

Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine - “88 POINTS – ONE PUFF”

October 2006

Both this wine and its mate (Heritage Zinfandel) are on the riper, heavier side than the Somers Ranch bottling, and it is all down to the livelier acids found in the lead wine. Of these two, we like this one a little more for its direct, ripe, spicy expression of the marriage between Zin berries and Petite Sirah seasonings. It is tannic, to be sure, and will either want service with savory foods now or time to soften.

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Contains 19% petite sirah and was aged for 20 months in French and American oak. It has forward aromas of licorice and oak before flavors of dark chocolate, licorice and oak which finish showing some alcohol at the end.
