

2006 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Wine Enthusiast Magazine - “91 POINTS – EDITORS’ CHOICE”

August 2009

They say the vines average 80 years of age, which means who knows where those old roots have explored. For that matter, who knows what the grape varieties really are. The wine is the least fruity of the winery’s current Zins. While it shows berry-cherry and licorice flavors, it’s notable for hard-to-describe earthy, mineral and mushroomy tastes that are interesting and unique.

2005 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

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The wine is close in quality to Dry Creek’s spectacular single-vineyard ’05 Zins. Dry and softly tannic, it features flavors of blackberries, cherries, chocolate, cola and spice.

Quarterly Review of Wines - “FIVE STARS”

Summer 2008

Big, rich, chewy, bramble, French roast and earth flavors.

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

May 2008

Just about every aspect of this burly, young, big-bodied wine speaks to ripeness and size, yet there is a very solid center of blackberry fruit throughout. It shows elements of spice and dark chocolate along with a strong streak of berries, and it ends with hard-charging tannins making the case for a few years of age.

California Grapevine - “88 POINTS – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED”

April - May 2008

Medium-dark to dark purplish ruby; attractive, intense, jammy, ripe blackberry fruit aroma; full body; big, rich, concentrated, briary, very ripe raspberry fruit flavors with a touch of white pepper; full tannin; lingering aftertaste.

2004 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Restaurant Wine - “FOUR STARS”

Issue 121-122

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.

