



2004 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

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

"Top 100 Wines of 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

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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.

Colorado Wine News

July – September 2006

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.

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Quarterly Review of Wines - “★★★★★ 5 STARS” – BEST OF BEST

Spring 2006

81 percent Zinfandel (from 80- to 109-year-old vines) and 19 percent Petite Sirah. Ripe, round, spicy, well-knit, wild berry, chocolate and toasty oak flavors.

The Wine Report - “90 POINTS” – ABOVE-AVERAGE VALUE

October 2005

A dark black wine with a “gorgeous purple rim” provided “fruit tones of berries and raisins with black pepper that are front and center.” This wine made sure not to hide its swirling herbaceous notes that mingled with succulent blackberries, cedar and molasses. Its long, peppery, spicy finish left the panel wanting more.

Food friendliness: Bring this to your next dinner party or savor it at home with rib-eye steak or pancetta-wrapped beef tenderloin.

Wine Enthusiast - “90 POINTS”

November 15, 2005

From century-old vines, mainly in Dry Creek Valley, this is a big Zin, jam-packed with purple-and black-skinned stone fruits and berries. The wine is certainly tannic now, and extremely dry. It will be okay now with rich meats and cheeses, but probably better in 2006.

Colorado Wine News

October – December 2005

81% zinfandel and 19% petite sirah. It was aged for 15 months in French and American oak and has an inviting bouquet of grape, blackberry, raspberry, cherry and currant. All repeat in the reverse order and led by spice as big, smooth flavors laced with dusty tannin. The vines for this wine are from 80 – 109 years old.
