

## *Renwood Old Vine Zinfandel*

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2003 Old Vine Zinfandel is comprised of the best selection of Old Vine vineyard lots in the valley, each adding its own nuance and complexity to the final blend. The 2003 Old Vine Zinfandel is medium ruby in color. The bouquet consists of brown sugar, caramel, sage, eucalyptus, and bursting with dark berry fruit. The flavor is a sumptuous blend of warm blackberries on the entry, with a hint of dried fruit, finishing with sweet fleshy tannins.

### VINTAGE

The growing season of 2003 offered very cool springtime conditions. The cool temperatures delayed bud break by approximately three weeks, which prevented any problems with early season mildew or frost damage. The cool spring conditions led directly into summer time heat as temperatures were above normal in June and July. This allowed the vines to catch up from any delayed growth during the cool spring. Below average temperatures in August and September, followed by a dry and warm October, allowed the fruit to develop excellent color, sugars and fully mature flavors due to the long hang time prior to harvest. The fruit was harvested in late September through mid October.

### VINEYARDS

Our "Old Vine" Zinfandel is a classic Zinfandel available in fine restaurants and retailers throughout America. It is a distinctive Zinfandel from over a dozen of Amador County's oldest and most venerable vineyards. With an average age of at least 50 years, these "head pruned" low-yielding sites provide us with a wonderful selection of even ripened, concentrated Zinfandel fruit that gives us great complexity and depth.

### FERMENTATION AND AGING

Small lot fermentation allowed us to concentrate the flavors and characters from each individual block. This technique preserves the uniqueness that each separate lot provides us. Later, we blend these lots together for greater complexity in the wine than if we had blended them at harvest. Oak aging is the key ingredient to turn this young precocious wine into the magnificent elixir which is Old Vine Zinfandel.



**RENWOOD WINERY**

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*Technical Data:*

## *2003 "Old Vine" Zinfandel*



*Appellation:* Amador County

*Production:* 18,000 cases

*Final pH:* 3.71

*Total Acid:* 0.58 g/100 ml

*Aged:* 18 months  
23% new American oak  
77% 2-3 year old American and  
French oak

*Alcohol:* 15.5%

*Bottled:* July 2005

*Suggested Retail Price:* \$20.00



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