

Renwood Amador Barbera

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 Barbera is a deep red color. The aromas are rich with cooked berry and new oak. Typical of Barbera is a tangy tartness, smooth finish and lots of fresh fruit flavors. Scents of vanilla and caramel from the small oak barrel aging complement the fruit aromas and flavors. Approachable now, this is a very nice wine to drink young.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2005 started out with a normal spring but the record winter and spring rainfall gave plenty of early growth. A hot early summer continued the growth and berry development and a large crop was the result. The weather remained dry throughout the harvest, resulting in perfect fruit condition. As usual this is the last variety into the winery and we harvested it in late October.

VINEYARDS

Barbera is the most widely planted red wine grape in the Piedmont region of Italy. It has emerged as the noble Italian varietal of Amador County. Italian immigrants brought Barbera vines from their native Piedmont to California in the mid-nineteenth century. Our Amador Barbera consists of three vineyard blocks: Grandpère Vineyard, Oleta Vineyard and Bill Parson's Vineyard. It is one of the perfect combinations of matching grape to region and the ability of this wine to win more medals than any other Sierra Foothill wine is fitting.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

All of the different lots Barbera is fermented separately in stainless steel at moderately cool temperatures to retain varietal expression of the fruit. The finished wine was aged as separate lots for 14 months in 22% new and 78% 2-year old French & American oak. In early 2006 we blended the lots selected for this wine and allowed them to remain in barrel to help "marry" the flavors.



RENWOOD WINERY

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Technical Data:

2005 Amador Barbera



Aged: 14 months
22% new oak and 78% 2year old
American and French oak

Bottled: April 2007

Production: 1,995 six pack cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Varietal: 100% Barbera

pH: 3.67

TA: 0.59 g/100 ml

Appellation: Amador County

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.95



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