

Renwood Fiddletown Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 Fiddletown Zinfandel offers aromas and flavors that best express the appellation. These wines always have a characteristic note of pine and cedar. The red fruit aromas are distinct and the lush and vibrant flavors linger on the palate. The aging in small oak barrels helps mellow the wine, and gives a finish with holiday spice, toasted hazelnut and vanilla notes.

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. The typical growing pattern of Fiddletown grapes, later budding and later harvesting, was upheld.

VINEYARDS

The Fiddletown appellation is the oldest AVA (American Viticultural Appellation) in Amador County, California. The vineyards have a higher elevation (up to 1,800 feet) and enjoy the perfect combination of hot days and cooler nights – more so than most Amador County vineyards. These growing conditions allow for maximum ripeness and balance in the fruit. Many feel that these are the best grapes in Amador County.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

We get grapes from three distinct blocks and each is picked, delivered, and fermented separately. Two are trellised and one is head trained. Careful attention to the fermentation and the decision of when to press the grapes is the secret to making the best wine from Fiddletown. Aging in oak barrels adds roundness and an additional layer of flavor to the wine. Blending each different lot gives us a wine, which we feel is the best expression of the legacy, which is Fiddletown.



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Technical Data:

2005 Fiddletown Zinfandel



Appellation: Fiddletown

Production: 2,600 cases

Final pH: 3.49

Total Acid: 0.57 g/100 ml

Aged: 14 months 20% new
American and 80% 2 & 3 year old
American and French oak

Alcohol: 15.0%

Bottled: April 2007

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.00



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