

Renwood Grandpère® Zinfandel



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

In 2005 we were challenged by this vineyard like no other year. However, we were able to produce one of the most elegant of all Grandpère Zinfandels to date. Our goal of late has been to add complexity through other varieties and we now have Petite Sirah to make the “spice rack” even larger. Great color, luscious berry fruit flavors, scents from the French Oak aging and firm chalky tannins round out this sensational wine.

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.

VINEYARDS

Grandpère® Zinfandel comes from the Grandpère® vineyard situated behind Renwood Winery in Plymouth, California. This 20 acres vineyard is home to the oldest clone of Zinfandel in America. Believed to be 140 years old, this unique clone produces one of the biggest, spiciest Zinfandels. This vineyard is planted on its own rootstock and is classically head pruned. Tight berry clusters, deep concentrated flavors, this vineyard produces award winning Zinfandels.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

All lots from this vineyard were fermented separately. After fermentation and an extended maceration period, the fruit was gently pressed and aged for 15 months in combination of new, one-year-old and two-year-old French and European oak barrels. After the *Assemblage* in January of 2007 the wine was further aged in barrel until bottling in June of 2007.

RENWOOD WINERY

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Technical Data:

2005 Grandpère® Zinfandel



Aged: 15 months in 25% New French, 10% New European Oak and 65% 1 & 2-year-old French Oak

Bottled: June 2007

Production: 1,500 six-pack cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.66

TA: 0.66 g/100 ml

Appellation: Amador County

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.95



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