



## *Renwood "Cranky Old Vine" Zinfandel*

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2006 *Cranky Old Vine* Zinfandel has aromas of sweet spices, ripe blackberry, coffee and black licorice. The flavors mirror the aromas and give the wine a flavor of dark berry pie filling, chewy tannins and a spicy aftertaste. While not as rich and heavy as our regular Old Vine, this wine has many of the same qualities and is wonderful to drink now.

### VINTAGE

The growing season of 2006 was about as average as a California year could possibly be. Normal levels of rainfall, not too hot or too cold, the usual hot spell in mid summer and blessedly no rain at harvest. Ripening was somewhat uneven but a little more "hang time" helped to get everything in line prior to picking. We sourced fruit from several different areas of California to get grapes from what we felt were truly "Cranky Old Vineyards". To us, this means old grizzled vines, which have lived long enough to have seen Prohibition come and go, with a miserly crop level, a disposition anything but sunny and cantankerous roots deep in the soil.

### FERMENTATION AND AGING

Each vineyard lot was fermented individually at moderate temperatures. Pressed at dryness, some wines remained in tank and some were racked directly into barrels for aging. The barrel lots were aged in combination French and American oak barrels for 18 months. The wines from our rigorous tasting selection were carefully blended together to produce a wine of exceptional value. Like most great Old Vine blends "Cranky" contains Primitivo, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Barbera, Mourvèdre and Alicante for complexity.

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### **Technical Data:**

## **2006 Cranky Old Vine Zinfandel**



**Appellation:** California

**Final pH:** 3.60

**Total Acid:** 0.58%

**Aged:** American and French oak  
and stainless steel

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Bottled:** July 2008



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