

Renwood Old Vine Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2004 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 2004 Old Vine Zinfandel is dark ruby in color. The bouquet consists of cranberry, allspice, nutmeg and blackberry compote. The flavor has ripe berry fruit on the entry, following with the medley of holiday spices, and finishing with chalky tannins and the vanilla bean from the American oak.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2004 offered very warm springtime conditions. The warm temperatures advanced bud break by approximately three weeks, which gave the vines quite a head start for the season. The warm spring conditions led directly into summer time heat as temperatures were above normal in June and July. Essentially the vines went from winter to summer to fall in record time and harvest began in mid August and was over by the end of September. The heat combined with a smallish crop load gave excellent sugars but not much hang time. Ripe and heady, the grapes were so super concentrated and powerful that they practically jumped from the bin into the tanks.

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

AMADOR COUNTY

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Technical Data:

2004 "Old Vine" Zinfandel



Appellation: Amador County

Production: 20,000 cases

Final pH: 3.60

Total Acid: 0.60 g/100 ml

Aged: 17 months

27% new American oak
73% 2-3 year old American and
French oak

Alcohol: 15.5%

Bottled: August 2006

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.00



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