

Renwood Fiddletown Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2002 Fiddletown Zinfandel exhibits ripe blackberry jam, cherry, plum, and white pepper aromas. The entry is soft with savory red fruit flavors that are lush and vibrant on the palate. The abundant layers of fruit in the middle produce a balanced wine, which finishes with a little spiciness and wonderful toasty vanilla notes. This wine is a great expression of the Fiddletown appellation.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2002 will be remembered for its high quality and short, condensed harvest. Ideal weather patterns during the growing season resulted in small berries and high flavor extraction in the wines. A very cool summer provided slow and consistent flavor development. A warmer than usual September and October accelerated the sugars resulting in a very intense and compacted harvest period. The weather remained dry throughout the harvest, resulting in perfect fruit condition.

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.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

Each individual block is picked, delivered, and fermented separately. This retains the nuances and character of each vineyard lot. 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.

RENWOOD WINERY

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Technical Data:

2002 Fiddletown Zinfandel



Appellation: Fiddletown

Production: 7,800 cases

Final pH: 3.42

Total Acid: 0.69 g/100 ml

Aged: 18 months 15% new
American and 70% 2 & 3 year old
American and French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: June 2004

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.00



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