

Renwood Fiddletown Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2004 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 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.

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:

2004 Fiddletown Zinfandel



Appellation: Fiddletown

Production: 1,000 cases

Final pH: 3.62

Total Acid: 0.62 g/100 ml

Aged: 15 months 18% new
American and 72% 2 & 3 year old
American and French oak

Alcohol: 15.0%

Bottled: August 2006

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.00



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