



RUTHERFORD *Ranch*

2006

ZINFANDEL
NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY'S *Best Value*

WINE DESCRIPTION

Our 2006 Napa Valley Zinfandel has an elegant, complex bouquet of ripe boysenberries, black pepper and French vanilla. Lavish flavors fill your mouth, blending ripe blackberries with plum and vanilla. A very well balanced Zinfandel with rich tannins and a long, lingering fruit finish.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

The intense, bold fruit flavors and rich tannins make this Zinfandel a perfect choice to serve with a broad range of foods from pizza, grilled steak, ribs or sausage to braised lamb shanks, barbecued tri-tip, lasagna or Gorgonzola cheese. A perfect ending to a meal is to pair this wine with your favorite dark chocolate dessert - it just doesn't get much better!

AGING

Aged for 13 months in French and American oak barrels.

TOTAL ACID/pH

0.59 / 3.71



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Sometimes we just have to pay tribute to the weather gods, who provided us with some spectacular conditions and made this one of the shortest growing seasons on record for the past 20 years. Although being one of the shortest growing seasons, it managed to produce the third largest harvest in history. September arrived with its usual heat and the chaos of harvest went into full swing. Our vineyards were harvested at an average of just over 25 Brix, leading to bright fruit aromas and juicy flavors with a moderate alcohol level.

GRAPE SOURCE

Select vineyards throughout the Napa Valley.

BLEND

98% Zinfandel, 1% Petite Sirah and 1% Syrah.

ALCOHOL

14.5%

RELEASE DATE

April 2008

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