



2005
ELSBREE VINEYARD
Russian River Valley
Z I N F A N D E L

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Elsbree Vineyard not only provides us with fantastic Pinot Noir, we are now proud to offer this vineyard designate Zinfandel. This vineyard is producing incredible fruit and we couldn't be happier with the results.

The Elsbree vineyard is in a beautiful location in Windsor where it's steep hills overlook the Sonoma County Valley. The Zinfandel is planted in rocky soil on steep sloping terraces, ideally suited for this varietal. The vineyard is 12-years old planted with *Old Century* clone grafted from 100 year old vines.

We use many of the same techniques with our Zinfandel as with our Pinot Noir. We cold-soak the grapes for three days and once the fermentation begins we hand punch the grapes in open-top fermenters, a method not commonly used with Zinfandel. The wine was then aged for 14 months in Francois Frères oak barrels. We always keep the grapes separate throughout the process so we can make blending decisions after the grapes have evolved independently. Because we make our Zinfandel using the same techniques as our Pinot Noir, our Zin really appeals to the Pinot lover.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red color with a wonderful nose of sweet raspberry and brambly black berry with a hint of spice and smoke. It is lush and full flavored with flavors of dark berry fruit, clove, nutmeg and cinnamon spice with a hint of pepper, leading to a long full finish of sweet fruit and oak. Smooth tannins add structure and mouth feel, but don't overpower. This Zinfandel is perfect for lighter meat dishes.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Zinfandel
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Dates:	9/25/05
Brix at Harvest:	28°
Alcohol:	14.5
T.A.:	.665 g/100ml
pH:	3.62
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Cooperage:	14 months in François Frères French oak, Mix of new to 3 years old
Bottled:	10/15/06
Production:	900 cases 750 ml

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