



2006 Mauritson Grower's Reserve Zinfandel

Production: Approximately **357** cases

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyards: 48% Buchignani Vineyard
48% Saini Vineyard
4% Faloni Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.5 % by volume

Aging: 25 months oak barrels
100% French

Winemaker Notes

For those of you familiar with our Reserve Zinfandel, you understand what I mean when I say, "We take Zinfandel and make it like Cabernet". The 2006 Grower's Reserve optimizes that statement. Extended maceration, more than 2 years in French oak, hillside vineyards... sounds like a recipe for a great Cabernet, or in our case, a Zinfandel.

The aromas of berry, earth, and the hints of oak are just a tease. Rich and firm in the front palate, yet restrained and elegant on the finish, this wine is the Jekyll and Hyde of Zinfandels. It retains all of the wonderful traits that make Zinfandel so spectacular: black fruit, minerals, spice... and... combines that with the best that Cabernet has to offer, broad tannins, complex fruit, and incredible aging ability. Take pleasure in the beautiful dichotomy of this wine. Drink it now or sometime in the next decade.

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