



R A N D A L L M O N R O E

**ZINFANDEL**  
California  
2006

• G R A P E S O U R C I N G •

Grapes for our 2006 Vintage were drawn from areas known for excellent Zinfandel, including California's Central Coast and Lodi. The Lodi area in California's Sacramento River Delta is emerging as a star for producing fruity Zin with ripe berry flavors. Grapes are cooled on warm sunny days by the breezes off the Delta, extending the growing season and adding layers of flavor. Lodi possesses a large number of old-vine plantings which produce grapes of complexity and intensity.

*Appellation: California*

• V I N T A G E •

The season started off with a wet and soggy spring, with a late start. The weather went through a major shift in July, with heat spikes over 100 degrees, but since the grapes were late in ripening, they were not affected by sunburn. Vineyard managers had to keep a watchful eye on their vineyards to avoid mildew and botrytis throughout the growing season. As summer came to a close, growers were able to bring in grapes with good acidity and development by harvesting before October rains.

*Wine analysis: 0.55% TA, 3.76 pH, .3% RS and 14% alcohol, by volume*

• W I N E M A K I N G •

Ripe, crisp Zinfandel flavors were enhanced with the addition of Petite Sirah, which adds a touch of spice, richness and grip to the blend. A portion of the wine spent 10 months in oak, adding vanilla and sweet spice notes.

*Varietal blend: 76% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah. 18% Other Reds*

• W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S •

Crisp red berry and currant flavors, a touch of allspice and a smooth yet crisp finish. This wine is versatile and fun to try with a wide range of dishes.