

BENSON | FERRY

Vineyards



Old Vine Zinfandel

Lodi 2004

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Grapes for this Zinfandel came from the Stokes family's oldest vineyard. Planted more than 50 years ago, these vines yield small crops of richly flavored grapes. The vineyard's location on the western edge of the Lodi viticultural area provides growing conditions that bring out the supple side of Zinfandel's berry character.

Winemaking

After fermentation at moderate temperatures to optimize fruit character, the young wine was pressed and allowed to settle in neutral storage. It was then racked into seasoned French and American oak barrels to age for seven months. The stay in small barrels contributed oak complexity and smooth mouthfeel. Bottling was completed in October of 2005.

Tasting Notes

Fresh blackberry, raspberry and cranberry fruit highlight the nose, accented by spice notes. Generous flavors of blackberry and blueberry reveal a hint of cedar with time in the glass. An uncommonly smooth palate allows the delicious fruit to shine and leads to a delicate, lingering finish. The 2004 Benson Ferry Zinfandel is ready to enjoy now.

Alcohol 14.4%