

# BENSON | FERRY

*Vineyards*



## Benson Ferry Old Vine Zinfandel Lodi 2005

### Vineyards

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 showcase the grape's powerful fruit.

### Winemaking

After fermentation at moderate temperatures to optimize fruit character, the young wine was pressed and allowed settle in neutral storage. It was then racked into seasoned French and American oak barrels to age for six months. The stay in small barrels contributed oak spice and smooth texture. Bottling was completed in October of 2006.

### Tasting Notes

Ripe, opulent blackberry fruit and generous spice nuances give the nose of this Zinfandel broad appeal. Very ripe, forward blackberry and raspberry flavors are accented by hints of cedar and juniper. Uncommon smoothness in the mouth puts the focus on the delicious fruit, and leads to a supple, lingering finish. The 2005 Benson Ferry Zinfandel is ready to enjoy now.

**Alcohol 14.8%**