

**FERRARI-CARANO  
ZINFANDEL**

**VINTAGE**  
2006

**APPELLATION**  
Dry Creek Valley

**BLEND**  
83% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah,  
5% Carignane

**COOPERAGE**  
35% new French and  
American Oak,  
65% older French Oak



**TASTING NOTES**

Deep purple in color with rich layers of fruit complexity, Ferrari-Carano's Zinfandel boasts aromas of boysenberry and blackberry pie with hints of vanilla cream and cinnamon spice. Concentrated fruit continues on the palate with juicy blackberry and creamy notes extending well into the lingering finish highlighted by smooth, silky tannins.

**VINTAGE NOTES**

From our Estate Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, the Zinfandel grapes are dry farmed in a complex, riverside clay loam soil that is rocky and deep, adding impressive depth and concentration of flavor intensity to the wine. A mild, late spring and summer ensured that the mature vines had a healthy canopy for the grapes, which provided the perfect combination of sunlight and heat penetrating the grape clusters. These conditions allowed the grapes to reach full maturity in both flavor and structure. Harvest was completed mid-October.

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

This wine is primarily composed of Zinfandel, blended with small amounts of Petite Sirah and Carignane. Upon entering the winery, the hand-harvested grapes were destemmed, hand sorted and then whole berries were fermented in tank before pressing. Individual lots were moved to barrels for malolactic fermentation, then blended and barrel aged in American and French oak for 18 months.

**FOOD PAIRINGS**

Our 2006 Ferrari-Carano Zinfandel is a food-friendly wine that pairs perfectly with meat dishes, such as slow-roasted pork, grilled lamb chops, duck, a beef sirloin burger, chili, pizzas and spicy sausage. Cheeses, such as gruyere, extra sharp cheddar or Roquefort, as well as decadent chocolate desserts, are delicious with our Zinfandel.

**WINE INFORMATION**

Bottled:	March 2008
Released:	October 2008
Alcohol:	15%
ph:	3.79
TA:	.58



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