

**FERRARI-CARANO
ZINFANDEL**

VINTAGE
2007

APPELLATION
Dry Creek Valley

BLEND
88% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah,
6% Carignane

COOPERAGE
33% new French and
American Oak,
67% older French Oak



TASTING NOTES

Deep purple in color with rich layers of fruit complexity, Ferrari-Carano's Zinfandel boasts aromas of boysenberry and blueberry pie with hints of vanilla and baking spices. Concentrated fruit continues on the palate with juicy, sweet wild berries that linger well into a finish that is 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 wet winter and spring set vine maturity back a few weeks from a typical year, followed by a very warm July and a temperate August and September that gave way to early rains in October. A late warming trend in October dried the vines out and perfectly concentrated the berries prior to harvest later in the month.

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 are destemmed, hand sorted and then whole berries are fermented in tank before pressing. Individual lots are moved to barrels, then blended and barrel aged in American and French oak for 16 months prior to bottling, and aged another five months prior to release.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our 2007 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 2009
Released:	tbd
Alcohol:	15%
ph:	3.69
TA:	.58



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