

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2002 Zinfandel

“Home Ranch”

Paso Robles

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles.

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2002 “Home Ranch” Zinfandel is another big, blockbuster Zin. Our Estate Zinfandel vineyard is *dry-farmed and head-pruned*, and the wine reflects this. While yields are very low using these farming techniques, the quality is so high that it is certainly worth the greatly increased expense and effort.

Loaded with blackberry jam and sweet raspberry aromas and flavors, this wine is another over-the-top, “ground-zero” Zinfandel from Nadeau Family Vintners.

The Blend

100% Zinfandel

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2002 Vintage

100% Estate “Home Ranch”

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 27.2 Brix; TA: 0.83 gm./100mL; pH: 3.30

Finished Wine EtOH: 16.3% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 7 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in one to three year-old American Oak barrels until it racked, filtered and bottled *unfined* on August 23, 2003.

The 2002 Vintage yielded only 175 cases.

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