

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2003 Zinfandel

“The Epic”

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' 2003 “Epic” Zinfandel is another powerhouse Zinfandel. This dense, brash Zinfandel is bound to appeal to those wine enthusiasts who enjoy our BIG Zins like the “Home Ranch” and the “Critical Mass.” Big fruit aromas and flavors framed with just a subtle hint of American Oak make this one of our best ever!

The Blend

100% Zinfandel

2 Barrels “Home Ranch.”

5 Barrels “Arbor Creek”

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2003 Vintage

The surviving barrels were from the following vineyards:

Harvest: August and September, 2003

Sugar @ Harvest: Ranged from 26.5 – 28 Brix.

Finished Wine EtOH: 16.5% 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 new to three year-old American Oak barrels until it was racked, filtered and bottled *unfined* in March, 2005.

The 2003 Vintage yielded only 177 cases.

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