

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2005 Zinfandel

“Home Ranch”
Paso Robles

The **Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Patrice Nadeau and her husband, Robert. 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' 2005 “Home Ranch” Zinfandel is another substantial Zinfandel from our home vineyard. 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 rustic, full-bodied Zinfandel from Nadeau Family Vintners.

The **Blend**

100% Zinfandel

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2004 Vintage

100% Estate “Home Ranch”

Harvest: Late August & Early September; Sugar @ Harvest: 26.9 Brix; TA: 0.63 gm./100mL; pH: 3.55

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 9 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 was racked, filtered and bottled *unfined*.

The 2005 vintage yielded only 155 cases.

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