

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2003 Barbera

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. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The **Wine**

Nadeau Family Vintners' 2003 Barbera is a full-bodied red wine. Barbera's elevated acid makes it a desirable match for any tomato-based dishes. This is due to the high acid in tomatoes being balanced by the elevated acidity in the wine. This Barbera is dark—almost opaque—in color. The aromas of the wine are reminiscent of dark fruit with hints of oak, spice, and paraffin.

The **Blend**

This Barbera is from John Partridge's vineyard and was blended with 10% Syrah (from Dr. Michael Gill's vineyard) to tame the acid and offer a broader mouthfeel.

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2003 Vintage

Harvest: October 20; Sugar @ Harvest: 26.7 Brix; TA: 0.87 gm./100mL; pH: 3.19

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.5% By Vol.

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 New to three year-old American Oak barrels until it was racked, filtered and bottled *unfined* in April 2005

The 2003 Vintage yielded only 113 cases.

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