

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2003 Zinfandel

“Estrella Plains”

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 “Estrella Plains” Zinfandel is a new Zin for Nadeau. These grapes originated from the Wine Bush vineyard, which 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 from a diverse medley of Zinfandel wines from Nadeau Family Vintners.

The **Blend**

100% Zinfandel

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2003 Vintage

100% “Wine Bush” Chuck and Chris Pettigrew

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 26.2 Brix; TA: 0.63 gm./100mL; pH: 3.70

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.4% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 8 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 2 to 4 year-old American Oak barrels until it racked, filtered and bottled *unfined*.

The 2003 Vintage yielded only 140 cases.

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