

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2003 Zinfandel

Late Harvest

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 "Late Harvest" Zinfandel is another big, blockbuster Zin which is made for after-dinner quaffing. While somewhat sweet, the balance of sugar, acid, and oak have yielded a wine fit for chocolate truffles, strong blue-type cheeses, or a fine dark-wrapped cigar (for smoking, not eating!) Both lots of grapes for this wine were *dry-farmed and head-pruned*, and the wine reflects this.

With its jammy, sweet cherry-fruit aromas and flavors, this wine is an ideal accompaniment to chocolate desserts and stimulating conversation.

The **Blend**

100% Zinfandel

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2003 Vintage

50% Estate "Home Ranch"

50% Clevenger Ranch

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: exceeded 33 Brix; TA: 0.7 gm./100mL; pH: 3.36

Finished Wine EtOH: 16.7% 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 2 two year-old American Oak barrels until it raked, filtered and bottled *unfined*.

The 2003 Vintage yielded only 94 cases of 375 mL bottles.

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