

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2004 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' 2004 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 mature Barbera is quite dark 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 east of Paso Robles.

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2004 Vintage

Harvest: October 18; Sugar @ Harvest: 23.7 Brix; TA: 0.97 gm./100mL; pH: 3.19

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*.

The 2003 Vintage yielded only 190 cases.

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