

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2005 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' 2005 "Late Harvest" Zinfandel is a very bright, fruit-driven wine which has WOWed all who we've allowed to preview it. Its deep color invites the taster to smell the abundant Black Cherry and Raspberry aromas. The first sip reveals a dense yet lush, fruity wine with just enough residual sugar to complement any chocolate dessert as well as strong cheeses, fine cigars, and stimulating conversation.

This wine is ready to drink now and will not likely benefit from significantly more bottle age.

The Blend

100% Zinfandel

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2005 Vintage

100% Estate

Harvest: September 27, 2005; Sugar @ Harvest: exceeded 30 Brix; TA: 0.65 gm./100mL; pH: 3.43

Residual Sugar: 2.9gm/100mL

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.4% 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 2 two American Oak barrels until it was racked, filtered and bottled *unfined*.

The 2005 Vintage yielded approximately 195 cases of 375 ml bottles.

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