

TRUCHARD VINEYARDS



1996 Zinfandel

- Vintage Specifics:** The one-acre vineyard, from which our 1996 Zinfandel comes, is in the "Highlands" of the Truchard Vineyard in red soils composed of volcanic ash. The porous soils and northern Carneros climate have combine to produce a distinctive Zin with exceptional intensity. In 1996, the grapes came to full ripeness with a blast of heat the first week of October.
- Harvest:** October 16
22.9 °Brix
8.9 g/l TA
3.56 pH
- Fermentation:** The grapes were gently crushed and destemmed followed by fermentation with Pasteur Red yeast.
- Aging:** The wine was bottled in August 1997, after 10 months aging in French (60%) and American (40%) oak. 15% of the barrels were new.
- Wine Analysis:** 13.5 % alcohol
3.78 pH
6.2 g/l titrateable acidity
- Tasting Notes:** Cedar, mint, and jammy fruit in the aromas, with big, rich Zin fruit and spicy pepper. The wine finishes with focused blackberry/plum fruit and lingering black pepper and spice.

Release date: February 1, 1998

Cases Produced: 637 cases

Bottle Price: \$18