

ZINFANDEL — Medium Priced:
\$57-\$128/case (\$7.10-\$16/btl. full retail)

DUNNEWOOD VINEYARDS, 2001 MENDOCINO COUNTY, \$80 (\$10) ★★★★★+

Excellent value. Fleshy, very ripely flavored, and full bodied; a relatively big wine at the price. It has toast, berry jam, blackberry, and raisin aromas/flavors. 1,350 cases. [2004-2005] 800.624.0444

SEVENTH MOON, 2001 CALIFORNIA, \$80 (\$10) ★★★+

Round and full bodied, with an apparent hint of sweetness. Lightly woody finish. Very good value. 15% Syrah. 5,000 cases. [2004-2005] 831.675.5381



ZINFANDEL — High Priced:
\$128-\$240/case (\$16.10-\$30/btl. full retail)

EDGEWOOD ESTATE, 2001 NAPA VALLEY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★+

A supple, richly flavored Zin, with good depth of fruit and near-matching oakiness. Very long finish. It tastes of blackberry, plum, cedar, and new oak. 9% PS. 1,673 cases. [2004-2006] 707.256.2041

JOULLIAN, 2001 SIAS CUVÉE, CARMEL VALLEY, \$184 (\$23) ★★★★★

A rich, full bodied Zinfandel, with excellent depth of flavor and light oakiness. Very long finish. Not as "sweet" (i.e., more savory) as most similarly priced versions. 4.8% PS, 2.1% other. 1,405 cases. [2005-2007] 831.659.2800



MAZZOCCO VINEYARDS

- 1999 STONE RANCH, ALEXANDER VALLEY, \$188 (\$23.50) ★★★★★
- 1999 CUNEO & SAINI, DRY CREEK VALLEY, \$188 (\$23.50) ★★★★★
- 1999 QUINN VYD., DRY CREEK VALLEY, \$200 (\$25) ★★★★★+

These are excellent wines, with a bit more restraint and complexity than most at this price. The Stone Ranch is supple and very complex; a Zin in a medium rich style, which is quite toasty in character and long on the finish. 510 cases. The Cuneo & Saini is somewhat fuller and oakier. It is unusually complex in flavor for Zin, with layer upon layer of toasted oak and plum character. 849 cases. The Quinn is richer still, and a bit softer. It is fleshy, full bodied, complex in flavor (berries, berry jam, roasted nut, toasted oak), and long on the finish. 843 cases. [2004-2006] 707.433.9035

SAUCELITO CANYON, 2001 ESTATE, ARROYO GRANDE VALLEY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★

Exceptional Zin in a ripe, very full bodied style. It is supple, intensely flavored, and well balanced, hardly showing its 15.5% alcohol. Very long finish, tasting of berry jam, blueberry, baked cherry, herbs, pepper, toasted oak, and sage. 1,843 cases. [2004-2006] 805.543.2111

SPANN VINEYARDS, 2001 MO ZIN, SONOMA COUNTY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★

An excellent Zin, in a full bodied, fruity style. It is crisp, well balanced, and both fruity and spicy in flavor, tasting of blackberry, plum, pepper, and oak. 12% Mourvedre, 4% Alicante Bouschet. 700 cases. [2004-2005] 707.933.8343

STEELE

- 2001 PACINI VYD. MENDOCINO, \$144 (\$18) ★★★★★
- 2000 DuPRATT VYD., OLD VINE, MENDOCINO RIDGE, \$180 (\$22.50) ★★★★★+
- 2001 CATFISH VYD., CLEAR LAKE, \$192 (\$24) ★★★★★

Three fine Zins from Steele. The Pacini is supple and full bodied, this is a medium rich, somewhat smoky Zinfandel, with underlying blackberry fruitiness. Medium long finish. 60 year old vines. 3,500 cases.

The '00 DuPratt is excellent: round, full bodied, and well balanced; a Zin with blackberry, plum, and smoky oak aromas/flavors. Medium long finish. 80 year old vines. 1,000 cases. The Catfish bottling is first rate: extremely fruity in flavor (boysenberry, plum), luscious in texture, and full bodied, with cedary, spicy oak overtones. Long finish. 100 year old, own-rooted vines. 1,200 cases. [2004-2006] 707.279.9475

ZINFANDEL — Expensive:
\$241/case & Up (\$30.10/btl. full retail & Up)

EDGEWOOD ESTATE, 2001 BUTALA VYD., NAPA VALLEY, \$280 (\$35) ★★★★★

Very complex and toasty in style; a rich, intensely flavored Zin, tasting of blackberry, cedar, toasted oak, and baked cherry. 16.2% alcohol. 342 cases. [2005-2007] 707.256.2041

SIERRA VISTA, 2000 OLD CLONE, EL DORADO, \$256 (\$32) ★★★★★

A richly flavored, spicy, complex Zinfandel, which is unusually structured (tannic) and long on the palate. It tastes of black peppercorn, plum, and blackberry jam. 250 cases. [2004-2006] 530.622.7221

TRUCHARD, 2001 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, \$264 (\$33) ★★★

Best Zin yet from Truchard. It is velvety in texture, full bodied, and fine and long on the finish, tasting of black raspberry, toast, nutmeg, and clove. 1,597 cases. [2004-2006] 707.253.7153

PETITE SIRAH - Medium Priced:
\$65-\$128/case (\$8.10-\$16/btl. full retail)

CONCANNON, 2001 CENTRAL COST, \$112 (\$14) ★★★★★

Softly textured, full bodied, and very ripely flavored (blackberry, blackberry jam), with overtones of oak, toast, and pepper. [2004-2005] 925.456.2500



PETITE SIRAH - Expensive:
\$241/case & Up (\$30.10/btl. & Up full retail)

FIELD STONE - ALEXANDER VALLEY

- 2000 STATEN FAMILY RESERVE, \$256 (\$32) ★★★★★
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These are fine Petite Sirahs, from one of the oldest such vineyards in California. The 2000 is full bodied, medium rich, and ripely flavored (blueberry, plum, toast), with a long finish. 800 cases. The '01 is more generous in flavor and texture; a luscious wine with intense flavors (blackberry, plum, toasted oak, pepper). 100+ year old vineyard. 800 cases. [2006-2010] 707.433.7266

OTHER RED VARIETALS - Medium Priced:
\$73-\$144/case (\$9.10-\$18/btl.)

PELLEGRINI, 2002 OLD VINE CARIGNANE, REDWOOD VALLEY, \$128 (\$16) ★★★★★

Supple and ripely flavored, this Carignane is very fruity in flavor (strawberry, grape jam), with overtones of oak and toast. Very long finish. 36 hour cold soak. [2004-2005] 650.761.2811



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