

**FERRARI-CARANO
ZINFANDEL**

VINTAGE
2005

APPELLATION
Dry Creek Valley

BLEND
85% Zinfandel, 11% Carignane,
4% Petit Sirah

COOPERAGE
80% French Oak,
20% American Oak



TASTING NOTES

Deep purple in color and richly dark in fruit complexity, our 2005 Ferrari-Carano Zinfandel boasts aromas of boysenberry and blackberry jam, vanilla cream, baking spices and white pepper. A delicious wine, concentrated fruit continues on the palate complemented by butterscotch and sweet oak, while a long and lingering finish is highlighted by smooth and silky tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

From our Estate Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, the Zinfandel grapes are dry farmed in a complex, riverside clay loam soil that is rocky and deep, adding impressive depth and concentration of flavor intensity to the wine. A late March warming trend made for perfect bud break and a quick start to the growing season. A mild summer yielded grapes of wonderful balance with rich tannins and bright varietal characteristics. Harvest was completed in early October.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine is composed of primarily Zinfandel, blended with small amounts of Carignane and Petit Sirah. Upon entering the winery, the hand-harvested grapes were destemmed, hand sorted and then whole berries were fermented in tank before pressing. Individual lots were moved to barrels for malolactic fermentation, then blended and barrel aged in American and French oak for 18 months, allowing for the perfect balance of fruit, tannin, and oak.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Our 2005 Ferrari-Carano Zinfandel is a food-friendly wine that pairs perfectly with meat dishes such as slow roasted pork, grilled lamb chops, duck or simply a delicious beef sirloin burger. Try adding rosemary for a nice touch, or spice things up by pairing this wine with Creole spiced jambalaya or spicy sausage. Cheeses such as gruyere, extra sharp cheddar or Roquefort, as well as decadent chocolate desserts, are delicious with our Zinfandel.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled:	April 2007
Released:	July 2007
Alcohol:	15.3%
pH:	3.58
TA:	0.60



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