

## RICH, RED ZINS FROM DRY CREEK

— by Bob Hosmon —

Those who like the rich, smooth flavor of red zinfandel (not blush zins) will do themselves a favor by tasting the remarkable zinfandels of Dry Creek Vineyard in California's Sonoma County.

Since 1973, making zinfandels has been an important part of Dry Creek Vineyard, and it's those bottlings that have earned this winery its reputation.

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The **2006 Heritage Zinfandel** a young, fruity wine, with deep purple color, delivers soft and supple tannins.

By contrast, the **2005 Old Vine Zinfandel** shows mature, complex flavors of black fruit. Produced from Dry Creek Valley vines that are up to 80 years old, this old-vine zin is one of the best of its kind.

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The **2005 Somers Ranch Zinfandel** is produced from vines planted about 20 years ago. The result: rich and succulent fruit that ends in a smooth finish.

The **2005 Beeson Ranch Zinfandel** is from a 120-year-old single vineyard that shows zinfandel flavors as they were once known by Italian immigrants, who planted the original vines in the 1880s. I taste blackberries and black cherries, and it's worth savoring.



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