



## *Tasting Notes*

# Zinfandel

“Zinfandel is really unique to California. It’s a sensational wine.” – Claire Silver, Tobin James Cellars

## BACKGROUND

- Red grape that is primarily grown in California.
- Popularity of White Zinfandel helped preserve many vines.
- Now grown worldwide, especially California, Italy and South America.
- Produces a dark, red wine with hues of purple and magenta.

## AROMAS and FLAVORS

- Raspberry, strawberry, cherry.
- Peppercorn and spices.
- Briar patch, fennel, white pepper.
- Flavors range from light berry to rich, pruny jam.

## STYLES and BLENDS

- When aging is minimal, very fruit-forward and bright.
- When aged in oak, displays flavors of earth, pepper and chocolate.
- Can be made into sweet, pruny, late-harvest dessert wines.
- Can be made into White Zinfandel, with light berry and mint aromas.
- Head-pruned and dry-farmed vineyards produce intense wine.

## SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

- Pizza and red sauce pastas.
- Barbecued meats, spicy dishes.
- Chocolate desserts.