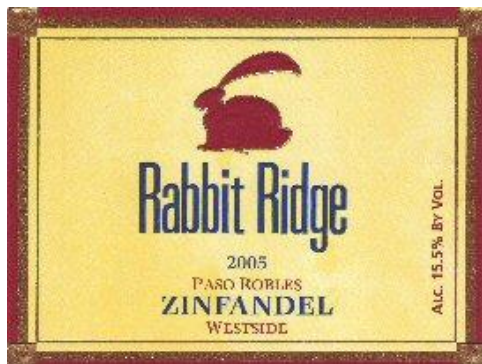




# ZINFANDEL



VINTAGE 2005  
APPELLATION Paso Robles  
VARIETAL Zinfandel  
HARVEST DATE 9/2/05 - 10/20/05  
BRIX AT HARVEST 25.61  
ALCOHOL 15.5%  
MA 6  
UPC CODE 7 28691 44987 7

## VINEYARD PROFILE

The 2005 Paso Robles Zinfandel is produced from grapes grown on three of our vineyards on the west side of Paso Robles. The first is Cristalla Ranch which surrounds the main winery on San Marcos Road. The vines from this vineyard are from an old clone that was grafted for Rabbit Ridge. The second vineyard is located on Live Oak Road in the hills on the north side of Highway 46 West. This vineyard is one of the highest in Paso Robles, located at 1,600 feet elevation. In addition, this vineyard has large amounts of limestone in the soil with an average soil pH of approximately 8. The third is located on the way to Lake Nacimiento on Vista Serrano Road. This vineyard is also rich in limestone soil.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

We added a judicious amount of Petite Sirah to our 2005 Zinfandel for more color and body. The wine was held on the skins for an extended period of time and then pressed into American and French Oak barrels where it stayed until the end of 2006 when it was bottled. As with all our wines, this Zinfandel has all natural acid, which produces much rounder and smoother wine than those produced with acid additions.

## 2005 GROWING SEASON

The 2005 California growing season was much like the 1997 growing season; long and cool giving the grapes plenty of hang-time.

## TASTING NOTES

This Zinfandel has the typical Rabbit Ridge jammy and spicy character with pronounced blackberry and raspberry overtones. It is big bodied with soft tannins and a round finish. This 2005 Zinfandel is best consumed young while the jammy flavors are still very fresh. Enjoy during this winter with hardy and spicy dishes and at your spring and summertime barbecues.

## AWARDS

Silver Medal, May 2007  
*California Central Coast Wine Competition*

Bronze Medal, April 2006 (2004 Vintage)  
*Riverside International Wine Competition*

Best of Class Gold Medal, March 2003 (2004 Vintage)  
*Jerry Mead's New World International Wine Competition*

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