

THE WINE SNOB
4TH ANNUAL BLIND ZINFANDEL TASTING DECEMBER 1, 2001
1999 VINTAGE

Wine List

Vintner	Appellation	Alcohol	Tidbits	\$
Beaulieu Vineyard Napa Valley	'99 Napa Valley	14.5%	Oak-aged 10 months 56% American/44% French, 16% new oak, low yield/small berries 100% Zinfandel	\$11
Bohemian Cellars Rio Rancho	'99 Sonoma County	14.3%	Boutique Winery – Winemaker resume: Limerick Lane & DeLorimier, Mail order only, Oak-aged 11 months, 12% new Hungarian, 6% new French, 82% Neutral barrels. 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah	\$21
Carmenet Evangelho Vineyard	'99 Contra Costa County	14.4%	109 year old vines on ancient alluvial sandbar where San Joaquin River merges with San Francisco Bay, Oak-aged 16 months, French & American, 15% new, should improve 4-7years. 76% Zinfandel, 22% Carignane, 2% Alicante Bouschet	\$20
Dashe Cellars Dry Creek Valley	'99 Sonoma County	14.5%	Zinfandel grapes from two separate vineyards in Dry Creek, Saini vineyard & Lytton Springs. Should age 7+ years, oak-aged for 14 months in ~20% new oak (13% American 7% French). Remainder were French varying between 2 to 7 years old. 85% Zinfandel, 7% Petite Sirah, 5% Carignan, 3% Mourvèdre	\$18
DeLoach Estate Bottled Russian River Valley	'99 Sonoma County	13.5%	One of several zins produced by DeLoach, but only one currently available, aged 9 months in American oak 95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah	\$16
Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Clone	'99 Sonoma County	14.5%	Grafted budwood from 100 year old vines onto new rootstock. Suggested aging 3-5 years, Aged 14 months in American oak 85% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah	\$14
Fife Uplands	'99 Mendocino County	14.5%	1 of 5 zins produced by Fife, grapes are from many small blocks of old red vines, hillside and benchland sites around Lake Mendocino 92% Zinfandel, 5% Carignane, 3% Petite Sirah	\$15
Green & Red Chiles Mill Vineyard	'99 Napa Valley	14.4%	Vineyard @ elevations from 1000 to 1700' overlooking Chiles Canyon, aged in oak 15 months 30% American (1/2 new), 70% French 98% Zinfandel, 2% Petite Sirah	\$26
Joel Gott Dillian Ranch	'99 Amador County	15.0%	12 acres of old vines planted 1912, 1920 & 1948 yielding 13.5 tons. Oak-aged for 17 months, 50% new American Oak, 50% Old French Oak 99.8% Zinfandel .2% Barbera, Mission, & Tocai	\$25
Ravenswood Mendocino	'99 Mendocino County	15.3%	Drawn from two distinct vineyards - Bartolomei and Lalanne, Should improve over next 4 to 6 years 100% Zinfandel	\$13
Ridge Geyserville	'99 Sonoma Alexander Valley	14.8%	One of Ridge's Zins with the greatest amount of "non-zin" blend, Age-worthy 68% Zinfandel, 16% Carignane, 16% Petite Sirah	\$27
Turley Lodi Dogtown	'99 Sonoma County	16.3%	One of eleven Turley Zins, 100 year old vines, very low yields (_ ton/acre) resulting in very rich concentration. Oak-aged 13 months 75% French/25% American 100% Zinfandel	\$57