



# RUTHERFORD *Ranch*

2005

ZINFANDEL  
NAPA VALLEY

NAPA VALLEY'S *Best Value*

## WINE DESCRIPTION

Our 2005 Zinfandel displays zesty aromas of Bing cherry, blackberry and anise with the spiciness of ground black pepper, cinnamon and vanilla. A plump, medium-bodied wine with flavors of cranberry and cherry with just the right amount of white pepper and cloves. This Zinfandel is well structured with a long, lingering fruit finish.

## FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

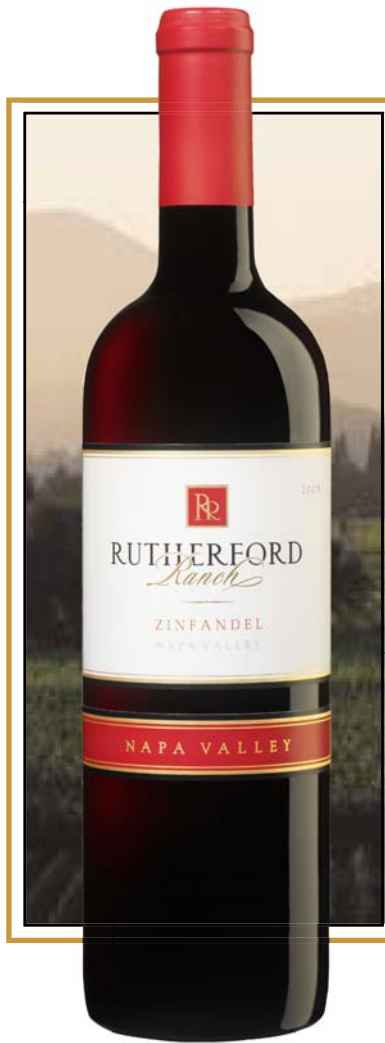
With remarkable complexity and finesse, the fruitiness of this Zinfandel provides a nice contrast to salt and works well with roasted duck, turkey or pork medallions in a berry sauce. Fusili with Bolognese sauce, crab ciopino or any barbecued or smoked meat is well suited to this wine as well. Grilled Italian sausage or an oven roasted pizza are fun fare for this Zinfandel. Serving a dark chocolate cake with a genache topping for dessert - perfect with this wine. Enjoy!

## AGING

Aged for 12 months in French and American oak.

## TOTAL ACID/pH

0.68 / 3.65



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2005 growing season began with a relatively cool, rainy and late spring, providing a slow start to vine growth. These cooler conditions lead numerous varieties and appellations to start blooming at about the same time. The long summer weather was mild and moderate, encouraging extra growth, increased berry size with heavier and tighter clusters. The weather cooled toward the end of the growing season delaying harvest by 10 days to two weeks later than usual extending "hang-time" for perfectly balanced sugars and acids. Colors in red wines were intense, inky-dark and opulent. 2005 looks to be another stellar vintage!

## GRAPE SOURCE

89% Napa Valley and 10% Dry Creek Valley vineyards.

## BLEND

100% Zinfandel

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

## RELEASE DATE

April 2007

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