



Join us for Saturday afternoon wine tastings, 2 to 6:30 p.m.

This Saturday, March 20th

Annual Zin Madness

Joel Gott Zinfandel, Dillian Ranch, 2007

Amador County

Tom Dillian has been growing high-quality grapes in Amador County for over 35 years. He is a fifth generation farmer specializing in Zinfandel. The Dillian Ranch Zinfandel remains a tradition at Joel Gott Wines. Back in 1996, Joel bought five tons of Zinfandel from Tom, a family friend, and the rest is history. Even with all the recent vineyard and winery innovations, Tom continues to dry farm his predominantly old headtrained vines and hand-harvest all the fruit. Aged in neutral American and French oak barrels for 15 months, the result is a lively, complex Zinfandel with a flavor profile of blackberries, black cherry, root beer and spice.

Reg. \$31.99 Special \$28.79

Biale Zinfandel, Napa Ranches, 2007

Napa Valley

Growing Zinfandel and other crops in Napa since 1937, the Biale family has been a top producer of estate-made Zinfandel since 1991. Napa Ranches is a Zinfandel blend sourced from Aldo's Vineyard and Black Chicken Vineyard in Napa, Old Crane in St. Helena, Stagnaro in Calistoga, and Priest Ranch above Chiles Valley. There's also some Petite Sirah, 18%, from Thomann Station in St. Helena. Ripe and luscious, with aromas of white pepper and huckleberry that lead to juicy, jammy flavors of raspberry, smoky sage and licorice. 400 cases made.

Reg. \$41.99 Special \$37.79

Ridge Zinfandel, York Creek, 2007

Napa Valley

York Creek Vineyard, situated high on Spring Mountain, overlooks St. Helena and the Napa Valley from the west. Ridge came here in 1971 for the old-vine Petite Sirah and first harvested York Creek Zinfandel in 1975. A blend of 78% Zinfandel and 22% old-vine Petite Sirah, Ridge decided to include a significant amount of York Creek Petite Sirah for greater complexity and firmer structure. The wine was raked to American oak barrels for twelve months of aging. This vintage though rich and structured, is one of the most supple and elegant wines Ridge has made from the York Creek vineyard.

Reg. \$34.99 Special \$31.49

Dashe Zinfandel, Todd Brothers Ranch, 2007

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

From the Michael Skurnik portfolio, this small production Zin (less than 2,000 cases) is made by Michael and Anne Dashe. Michael was assistant winemaker at Ridge for 8 years and was in charge of winemaking at Lytton Springs for 3 years. Located in Geyserville in the northernmost stretch of Alexander Valley on an extremely steep slope of red, rocky volcanic earth, much of

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the Todd Brothers Ranch vineyard is made up of row after row of thick, 67-year-old zinfandel vines. The wine is extremely dark in color, with the classic chocolate, coffee, and blackberry flavors that are characteristic of this vineyard. 311 cases produced.

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Ravenswood Zinfandel, Big River, 2007
Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

Ravenswood, through the vision and commitment of winemaker Joel Peterson, has been a top producer of high quality Zin for over 30 years and Big River is one of their best single-vineyard bottlings. Planted around 1893 by Italian immigrants, Big River Vineyard sits on bench land above the fog line at 500 feet elevation in old, cobbly, volcanic red clay loam. Low yielding, this vineyard of only 14 acres produces grapes with intense, lush flavors with great balance.

Reg. \$38.99 Special \$34.99

Seghesio Zinfandel, Old Vines, 2007
Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys, Sonoma County

Seghesio has been quietly producing some of Sonoma's best Zinfandels and they have some of the oldest Zinfandel vines anywhere. Zinfandel was introduced into the Dry Creek Valley in 1870 and is now considered to be one of the top places in California for growing Zinfandel. Old Vine comes from old head-pruned vineyards in Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys. Although "Old Vine" is often loosely interpreted in the wine industry, Seghesio's benchmark is fifty years. The average age of the vines producing this wine is close to 90 years. While older vines yield less fruit what fruit they produce is more intense. This wine combines spicy, lush black fruit from Alexander Valley with cooler Dry Creek Valley fruit that offers structure and Zinfandel's classic briary and raspberry flavors. Each vintage, the best lots of Zinfandel over 60 years old are chosen to make this wine. Components of this blend come from Cortina, Home Ranch and San Lorenzo and the blend varies each vintage allowing winemaker Ted Seghesio to create the most complete wine possible.

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- Jeff Gledhill