

TASTING OF Zinfandels - Old Vines

DATE 2/13/2003

	Wine	Price	Color	Aroma & Bouquet	Flavor & Finish	Average Points	Group Ranking	Firsts	Seconds	Twelfths	Total of Scores
A	2000 David Bruce Winery Paso Robles	19.00	Medium Ruby	Balanced & fruity nose. Strawberries and some red cherries. No oak evident. Less intense.	Lighter bodied flavors of cherry berry fruit with no wood. Very easy drinking. Slightly astringent in the finish.	14.7	12	1	0	3	130
B	2001 De Loach Vineyards Estate Bottled Russian River Valley	20.00	Dark Ruby	Herbaceous nose of red raspberry fruit & some grassiness. Closed nose that opens.	Cherry & black pepper flavors. Smoky oak and some tannin to be resolved. Very red cherry like and raspberries.	13.0	10	0	2	5	126
C	1999 Steele Wines Pacini Vineyard Mendocino	15.00	Dark Ruby	Light fruit nose of cherry and berry fruit. Less depth than some. Some spicy character.	Less generous flavors of low key fruit with a high acid finish. Some thought complex. Grassy and alcoholic. Quite light.	14.4	9	1	0	1	126
D	1999 Storrs Winery Rusty Ridge Santa Clara County	28.00	Dark Ruby	Outgoing nose of ripe berry, cherry fruit with light oak. Some cedar like smells. Lasting.	Tannic and tart fruit flavors that need time. Spicy and some thought aldehyde flavors? Tartness seems to grow.	14.8	8	2	1	1	115
E	2000 Saucelito Canyon Vineyard Estate Arroyo Grande Valley	20.00	Medium Ruby	Low key nose of green apples & slightly vegetal fruit. Nose does not come up with airing.	Some oak in the mouth. Cherry fruit flavors with light use of oak. Slightly candied. High alcohol? Less character.	14.8	11	0	0	2	127
F	1999 Foppiano Vineyards - Reserve Valera Vineyard Dry Creek Valley	25.00	Very Dark Ruby	Dense nose of very ripe blackberry fruit and light oak. Old fashioned Zin. Very young.	Thick flavors of black cherry & berry fruit and some oak. Lots of body and depth. Huge tannins. In need of many years.	16.0	3	0	3	0	84
G	2000 Signorello Vineyards Luvisi Vineyard Napa Valley	34.00	Very Dark Ruby	Full, dusty, berry fruit nose. Good depth and varietal smells. White pepper and alcohol.	Tasty dark fruit flavors of ripe berries and cherries. Some mintiness. Nicely balanced oak. Excellent future.	15.8	4	2	3	0	76
H	2000 Rosenblum Cellars Harris Kratka Vineyard Alexander Valley	28.00	Very Dark Ruby	Forward nose of cherry & berry fruit and light use of oak. Very varietal & inviting. Lingers.	Tasty fruit flavors of ripe red & black fruits with low oak. Lightly tannic. Jammy & mouthfilling. Vanilla and lasting flavors.	16.1	2	3	2	0	76
I	2000 Seghesio Family Vineyards Home Ranch Alexander Valley	28.00	Very Dark Ruby	Outgoing nose of citrus fruit and berries. Some blackberries. Some oak evident. Opens.	Improving fruit flavors of ripe berries and cherries. Lots of good varietal character. Seems to improve with airing.	15.1	7	1	1	0	112
J	2000 Villa Mt. Eden Winery - Grand Reserve Fox Creek Vineyard Sierra Foothills	22.00	Dark Ruby	Red cherries, tar and blackberries nose. Young and full with evident alcohol. Growing.	Lighter and very drinkable now flavors of cherry, berry fruit and low oak. Cranberries and some black pepper. Lingering.	15.1	5	0	2	0	88
K	1999 Pezzi King Vineyards Old Vines Dry Creek Valley	23.00	Dark Ruby	Medium bodied fruit with nicely integrated oak. Floral and some cedar	Tasty and very drinkable flavors of red cherry fruit and good oak. Less body & depth than some, but nice balance.	14.2	6	2	0	2	107
L	2000 Seghesio Family Vineyards Old Vines Sonoma County	28.00	Dark Ruby	Improving nose of black cherry, berry fruit with nicely balanced oak. Lots of ripe berry fruit.	Mouthfilling flavors of ripe varietal fruit and nicely integrated oak. Improves with airing. Lots of tasty berry and cherry fruit.	16.4	1	4	2	0	69

20 POINT SYSTEM

Appearance (0-2)	Aroma and Bouquet (0-4)	Total Acid (0-2)	Flavor (0-2)
		Sugar (0-1)	Astringency (0-2)
Color (0-2)	Acescence (0-2)	Body (0-1)	General Quality (0-2)

17-20=Outstanding quality. 10-12=Commercially acceptable with a noticeable defect.
 13-16=Good commercial wine. 0-9=Commercially unacceptable.