

PESSAGNO WINERY



2007 ZINFANDEL

IDYLL TIMES VINEYARD

San Benito County

The Vineyard

Located at the base of the northeastern foothills of San Benito County, Idyll Times Vineyard is sheltered from the winds of “the Mistral” climate, and is graced with warm days and temperate nights. The soil is sparse and shallow, restricting root development and canopy growth. These conditions are ideal for the fickle and sometimes overly vigorous Zinfandel grape.

The Vintage

The 2007 vintage would be most aptly described as the most even keeled in the past three decades. Temperatures from early May through the middle of August seldom broke the 90 °F mark, delaying veraison and harvest substantially. By September we had experienced two dustings of rain but the stage was already set for the potential of making phenomenal wines.

The Winemaking

Zinfandel vines are notorious for uneven ripening, which is why we harvested only mature clusters in two to three successive passes over 15 days. Fermented in small lots with a 25-day maceration period, the young wine was then pressed directly into French oak barrels for 11 months of aging.

Tasting Notes

This “in-your-face” Zinfandel is opulent and showy, with forward fruit and jammy flavors. Raspberry, cranberry, and licorice abound in the aroma, while French oak nuances complement the bouquet. This wine is very versatile and can be served with hors d’oeuvres, hearty meat, game dishes, and semi-sweet chocolate desserts.



Harvest September 9, 16, 24, 2006

Brix 27.6

Months In Oak Eleven

Alcohol 14.7%

pH 3.65

TA 6.68 grams/liter

Rs Dry

Production 406 cases bottled June 29,
2009

Suggested Retail \$21.00

Steve Pessagno, Winemaker