



<i>Varietal</i>	Zinfandel
<i>Vintage</i>	2004
<i>Appellation</i>	Paso Robles
<i>Production</i>	400 Cases
<i>Lab Stats</i>	3.49 pH, 5.8 g/L Total Acidity, 14.8% alc.

Growing Season The hot, dry season of 2004 produced some of the most intensely-flavored grapes in the region's history. Ultra-small berries resulting from extremely sparse winter rainfall meant that grape skins grew thick and richly tannic. Yields were moderate as the lighter-than-normal-weight clusters evolved into deeply pigmented fruit with robust character. The vintage was picked earlier than typical, as the heat of the summer brought rapid ripening to most varieties.

Vineyard Source The Kate Vineyard, less than a mile from our own estate vineyards, is the source of this delicious fruit. Planted to an old-vine Zinfandel clone sourced from the original Pesenti Vineyard on Paso's Westside, this low-yielding farm is composed of lean limestone soils that restrict vine vigor, and add a uniquely vibrant aromatic component to grapes grown there. The ranch is meticulously managed by our own Calcareous Vineyard team.

Winemaking Hand picked in cool morning temperatures, these Zinfandel grapes were hand-sorted at the winery for optimum fruit ripeness and perfect quality. Gently crushed to tank, the wine was fermented at controlled temperatures in small, pumped-over stainless-steel vats, extracting rich fruitiness and fine-grained tannins to deliver focused, zesty Zin character.

Tasting Notes With spicy, briar-berry fruit aromas and a lightly jammy, fresh and ripe varietal character in our 2004 Calcareous Zinfandel – Paso Robles, it is no wonder this grape is perfectly suited here. Rich in fruit flavor and with silky-textured tannins complemented by gentle oak nuances, this fabulous Zinfandel, already bottle-aged to perfection, is ready for immediate consumption. Its elegant styling showcases the outstanding potential for this uniquely Californian red variety in our emerging Paso Robles appellation.