

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

83% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah, 4% Merlot,
4% Petit Verdot, 3% Syrah

APELLATION

100% Central Coast, including Santa
Barbara and Monterey Counties

OAK AGING: 12 months

TA: 6.2g/L

pH: 3.50

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ROBERT MONDAVI

PRIVATE SELECTION.

Zinfandel

CALIFORNIA 2007

Our 2007 Zinfandel is one of our best—a zesty, fruity red produced from Central Coast grapes. Right off the bat, the wine's aromas reveal a deep core of rich, lively blackberry, blueberry, and black raspberry fruit with hints of enticing black pepper. In the mouth, the bright fruit flavors take on an expressive spice note that carries over the long, savory finish. Superbly balanced, with bright acidity and supple tannins, our 2007 Zinfandel will make a fine match for a wide range of hearty dishes, including pepperoni pizza, burgers, barbecued ribs and chicken, grilled spicy sausages, steaks slathered in onions and mushrooms, herb-marinated lamb chops, and zesty red-sauce pastas.

2007 HARVEST

The 2007 growing season was another cool and dry one on California's Central Coast. Flowering was slightly on the early side, which would indicate a lighter crop level. The summer alternated between cool and cold temperatures, resulting in clusters smaller than usual across all varieties and crop levels slightly lower than in previous years. Concentration of flavors and color was very good, however.

VITICULTURE

100% of the grapes for our 2007 Zinfandel came from vineyards in the Central Coast American Viticultural Area (AVA), including Santa Barbara and Monterey Counties. The Central Coast fruit provides a soft, jammy texture to the wine.

WINEMAKING

After gently crushing and destemming the grapes, we fermented the must in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to maintain maximum fruit expression in the finished wine. Full malolactic fermentation gave the wine roundness and depth, while barrel-aging a component of the wine in new French and American oak for 12 months added complexity. Small percentages of Petite Sirah, Merlot, Petite Verdot, and Syrah were added to the final blend to lend softness and lush velvet character to the finished wine.

“a meal without wine is like
a day without sunshine.”

—Robert Mondavi

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