

2003 Rabbit Ridge Zinfandel, Barrel Cuvée

Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evaluation Scale): {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System: {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

Appearance (3 Pts. Total)

CLARITY

Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant

COLOR

Hue

COLOR

Depth

clear

inky oxblood

medium-dark

Total 3



Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)

NOSE

AROMA INTENSITY

OFF NOTES

Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)

FIRST IMPRESSION

MID-PALATE

FINISH

TASTE INTENSITY

spicy blackcurrent and blackberry

medium bouquet

A touch hot on the nose

Total 5

Cherry and big, dark brambly berries

Oaky sweetness and mineral backbone

Looong

A big Zin explosion of ripe fruits

Total 12

Final Score 20

General Notes

Does value get much better than a Rabbit Ridge Zin under \$10 a bottle? This is a gem, the only flaw being a touch of hotness (almost a characteristic of California Zin these days), but otherwise this pleases like eating blackcurrents drenched in crème de cassis and honey, sitting on a pleasing bed of river stones.

Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating



Wine Style (Food or Social)

Food Pairing

Drinkable for how long?

Price

Value Assessment

Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced

Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI)

Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~

~ Lifestyler ~ Advernturer/Fashionista ~

~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~

Social

N/A

Before 2010

\$10

Pricer Performer

Lifestyler

Taster: alt

Date: 08-05-07



Lifestyler