

GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL Dry Creek Valley

Named after my dad, this 55-year old vineyard is five acres in size and has a very special place in my heart. Located on a rocky hillside bench on the eastern side of Dry Creek, it's the place I used to play as a child, and where my son Adam was first introduced to viticulture. The selection of Zinfandel, Carignane and Petite Sirah grown in Gino's Vineyard represents a traditional field blend my Father made each year.

2010 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 90

Wine Enthusiast

This single-vineyard Zinfandel manages to rein its wild power, taming it down and allowing the wine to feel elegant. That's not so easy, when you have a wine with such high alcohol and superripe fruit. The wild blueberry and blackberry fruit has a brambly edge, but the tannin-acid balance is fine. Drink over the next eight years as the wine subtlely loses fruit and gains earthy complexities.

Co "Best of Show" - Zinfandel

Quarterly Review of Wine

Archetypal Dry Creek Valley Zin: brown-ginger spice, blueberry and raspberry aromas and flavors, with dark chocolate, cherry, and anise finish. Complex.

2009 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 93 *Editor's Choice

Wine Enthusiast

A fantastic Zinfandel, Sbragia's best in years, and one of the best of the vintage. Shows classic Dry Creek wild blueberry and briary blackberry flavors, with exotic spices, and the exuberance you want in a Zin. Yet it exhibits a rare control, making it elegant despite the power. Drink now for sheer joy.

Rated 92

Wine Spectator

A classically styled Dry Creek Zinfandel, with aromas of wild raspberry and underbrush that lead to rich but elegant flavors of black cherry, anise and smoky cracked pepper. Drink now through 2017. - T.Fish

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Wine Advocate

The 2009 Zinfandel Gino's Vineyard is an exuberant wine long on character and personality. Dark red cherries, flowers, molasses, savory herbs and leather come together nicely in this flashy, but delicious wine. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019.



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Rated 92

The Connoisseurs' Guide

Wonderfully expressive aromas of sweet berries, plums, cocoa and quince make for a most inviting start here, and the deep, well-filled flavors that follow do not disappoint. There is a bit of evident tannin underlying its layers of fruit, fine oak and mildly briary spice, but the wine avoids the least hint of coarseness and comfortably buffers its scant finishing heat with fruity extract to spare. As good Zinfandel so often does, it invites early drinking, but there is room for real growth and we would urge that a few bottles be cellared away.

2008 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 91

Wine Spectator

A tasty old-school Zinfandel, with savory raspberry aromas and elegant cherry fruit flavors layered with notes of dried sage, licorice and red clay that finish with appealing rustic tannins. Drink now through 2016 - T.Fish

This Weeks Pick

Sonoma County Press Democrat

A spicy zin with depth. Aromas and flavors of bright cherry, herbs and spice. Bright, with good acid. Long finish.

2007 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 90

Stephen Tanzer

Sexy cherry and red currant aromas complicated by dried herbs on the nose. Strong red fruit flavors of cherry and cranberry are intensified and nicely framed by harmonious acidity. A suave, vibrant style of Zinfandel, finishing with firm but ripe tannins and very good grip. http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer

The Buying Guide

Wine Spectator

Offers pomegranate aromas, with accents of dill and cedar, displaying appealing flavors of dried cherry and cracked pepper. Drink now through 2014

2006 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 94

Wine Review Online, Nov 2009

Winemaker Ed Sbragia went for elegance with this Zin: the aroma is almost perfumey, and on the palate notes of lavender and raspberry lead to a mélange of blackberry and cherry fruit. It's a Zin that reminds me of Pinot Noir, in a good way, with its complexity and sophistication, and it would be a great addition to anyone's Thanksgiving table. -W. B. Gray

4 ¹/₂ Stars

Memphis Magazine

Worth the extra money. Sophisticated and refined with dried black cherry, sweet vanilla, raspberry, blackberry, black pepper, and licorice. Delicious. – T. Eason



Food & Wine Magazine, October 2009

"Robust, dark-fruit Zinfandel from Sonoma County."

Maryland Gazette

Red wines most suitable for summer have assertive fruit flavors integrated with pepper or spice that complement the smokiness of grilled foods... The vines that produce the tasty 2006 Sbragia Family Zinfandel Gino's Vineyard were planted in 1959. This current vintage reveals complex tart cherry, pepper, smoky strawberry and blackberry flavors. – L. Marmon

Rated 90

Patterson's Tasting Panel

Notes of cinnamon and toasty oak; bright black raspberry with smooth texture, balance and finesse. –A. D. Blue

Rated 2 Stars - Good

San Francisco Chronicle

Dark brown sugar, creme brulee, milk chocolate and juicy blueberry fruit; somewhat lean and focused, with great acidity. Accessible, with soft oak on the finish.

Wine Advocate

Possesses spicy, peppery, strawberry and cherry notes, plenty of body, firm tannin, and good spice as well as length. – R. Parker Jr.

Rated 93

Wine Review Online, June 2009

This is how a Zinfandel should taste...It has wonderful complexity that is likely due to both vine age and the blend, delivering notes of dried black fruit, chocolate and spice. The fruit flavors are briary rather than jammy. Despite its intensity, it has elegance and balance...It's a fitting tribute to Gino. -M. Apstein

2005 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

Rated 90

Wine News

Mixed aromas of milk chocolate, red fruit, clove, cedar and peanut brittle. Soft cherry and cranberry fruit with a good zing of clove. Spicy, peppery close with cherry and drying mineral accents.

SILVER

Sonoma County Harvest Fair, 2008

Wineskinny.com

Intense blackberry and currant fruit stays polished through the long finish, picking up dried herbal notes, brown spices, smoke and pepper along the way. Lots of depth here - ready to drink now and over the next couple of years.

Sonoma County Press Democrat

Deep, rich flavors of blackberry, black cherry and spice. Concentrated fruit. Zesty, yet supple. – P Melnik



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