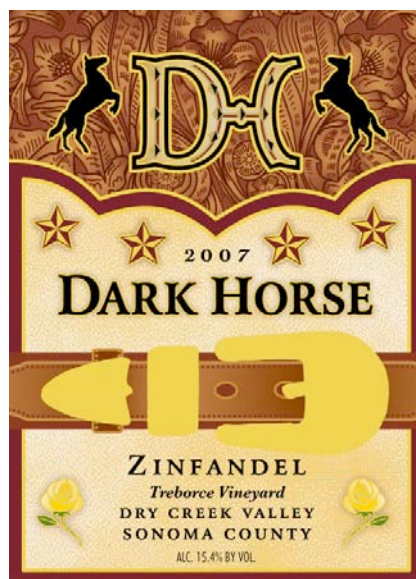


2007 Dark Horse Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley "Treborce Vineyard"



Vineyards

Zinfandel is the premier grape of Dry Creek Valley and Treborce Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards located there. Owners Bob and Joyce Littell spare no time or expense in producing the highest quality grapes possible. Situated high on the bench on the north side of the valley, they benefit from being above the frost zone and experience ultimate sun exposure. Being high as they are means their vines never get their feet wet.

Winemaking

The grapes were picked at optimum ripeness and flavor, approximately 26.0 brix. After fermentation the must was given extended maceration for 14 days to extract more flavors and soften the tannins. The wine was aged 40% new American oak with the balance in 2-3 year old barrels.

Tasting notes

This wine is another example of what Dry Creek Zinfandel is supposed to be. It is dark and rich with soft, velvety tannins. It shows ripe aromas of espresso, smoky rosemary and blueberry. The finish shows layered flavors of wild berry, nutmeg and licorice. You should drink it now through 2012.

Technical analysis

<i>Appellation:</i>	Dry Creek Valley
<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah
<i>Harvest Date:</i>	October 7, 2007
<i>Alcohol:</i>	15.4%
<i>Bottling Date:</i>	March 14, 2009
<i>Cases Bottled:</i>	687