



2003 ZD Reserve Pinot Noir, Carneros

Tasting Notes:

The 2003 vintage marked the 35th Anniversary for ZD Wines, and we are very excited to offer this 2003 Reserve Pinot Noir. This wine is made exclusively from the Hanzel clone grown on our dry farmed, organically certified deLeuze Family Vineyard in Carneros. Fermentation in small open top fermentors, and hand punchdowns every six hours during fermentation ensure a gentle extraction of color and tannins. This wine was aged in small French oak barrels for 15 months. The dark ruby color and unctuous, sweet nose reminiscent of black cherries, plum and toast give way to an explosion of ripe fruit and tannin on the palate that lingers through the finish. The oak is well integrated with subtle hints of vanilla, clove and cedar. This surprising depth of color and flavor is due to the notoriously small bunches and berries of the Hanzel clone. Only 580 cases of this wine were produced. Enjoy!!

Chris Pisani, Winemaker

Gold Medal - *Tasters Guild 2005*

Gold Medal - *New World International Wine Competition 2005*

Gold Medal - *Pacific Rim International Wine Competition 2005*

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“Very Highly Recommended” - *California Grapevine June/July 2005*

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