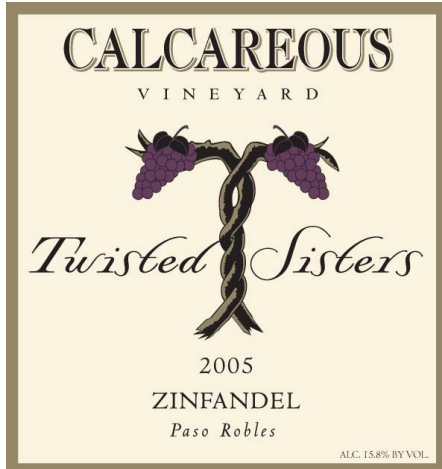


CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



Variety: *Twisted Sisters Zinfandel*

Vintage: 2005

Appellation: Paso Robles

Production: 440 cases

Tasting Notes

Rich in fruit flavor and with silky-textured tannins complemented by gentle oak nuances, this fabulous Zinfandel, already bottle-aged to perfection, is ready for immediate consumption. Enjoy hints of pepper overlaying forest fruit aromas and lightly jammy, rich varietal character. Its elegant styling showcase the

outstanding potential for this uniquely Californian red variety in our emerging Paso Robles appellation.

Growing Season

2005 is probably as close to a typical year as we have had for many years. What is a normal growing season these days anyway? Rainfall, harvest dates, crop levels are all well within the norm. When all these factors come together the resultant wines are far from normal and in fact can be quite exceptional. This is not just restricted to Zinfandel but is also reflected in accolades for all reds. The earlier releases have long since sold out.

Vineyards

Kates Vineyard, less than a mile from our own estate vineyards, is the source of this delicious fruit. Planted to an old-vine Zinfandel clone sourced from the original Pesenti Vineyard on Paso's Westside, this low-yielding farm is composed of lean limestone soils that restrict vine vigor, and add a uniquely vibrant aromatic component to grapes grown there. The ranch is meticulously managed by our own Calcareous Vineyard team.

Winemaker Notes

Calcareous started overseeing Kates back in 2002 and every year we have seen a shrink in berry size and huge leap in quality as we have slowly stamped our low yielding viticultural ethos upon the blocks. 2005 is no exception and undoubtedly represents our best zinfandel yet. By following simple small wine making techniques such as hand picking in cool morning temperatures, hand-sorting, gently crushing, temperature controlled ferments and small vats, The wine essentially makes itself, not that any winemakers would ever admit that!

Technical Notes

Alcohol: 15.8%

pH: 3.49

TA: 5.8g/L