



CHATEAU POTELLE

MT. VEEDER • NAPA VALLEY

Zinfandel VGS 2004

WINEMAKING

Grapes	100% Zinfandel
Fermentation	32 Days, natural yeasts
Filtration	None – unfiltered
Aging	17 months in oak 75% French 25% American
Racking	By gravity, barrel to barrel

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

When I was bottling this wine – the final moment of truth – I took a bottle being filled and tasted it. My thoughts were, yummy, this is a really cool guy; among the best vintages we've made. Our whole team felt really excited!

This 2004 Zinfandel VGS simply has all the elements together. Already as a young wine it is dense, filling your mouth with fruity, spicy, interesting arrays of flavors, and has the refined taste that our Zin has become famous for.

It is seductively aromatic with ripe raspberry, sweet spices and notes of pepper. It has a lingering finish that melts seamlessly into fine layers of toasted oak supported by a soft tannin structure.

Truly, one of our best vintages of Zinfandel VGS. Enjoy!

Retail Price: \$55.00

THE VINEYARD

Appellation	Mount Veeder
Elevation	1,400 to 1,800 feet
Slope	up to 34°
Soils	Loamy, shale, Clay at 1,400 ft, Volcanic rock at 1,600 to 1,800 ft
Age of Vines	mainly 7 to 16 years

Zinfandel is a true child of California and of our mountain. Within our property, Zinfandel grows in three different locations and in five soil types. This extraordinary combination of soils creates a grape unique in flavors. Deeper volcanic soils contribute to the spicy character, while loamy, shallower soils bring forward the delightful and exuberant fruit.

Our Zinfandel VGS exemplifies all the qualities that have earned Château Potelle its reputation for authentic, sophisticated and amazingly complex wines which rank among American's finest! Exuberant, ample and spicy, our Zinfandel VGS is truly an expression of our mountain terrior and our natural winemaking philosophy. The vineyard gives the potential and our gentle, respectful winemaking techniques only emphasize the qualities.

Chateau Potelle is based on the simplest and most ambitious of traditional beliefs: that excellence speaks for itself. And our VGS wines do just that!