



2007 Portrait of a Mutt Zinfandel

Always a blend, thus a “mutt”. We have always enjoyed the style of Zinfandel red wine modeled after California’s early history - fruit forward wines made by Italian immigrants that used a field mix blend of various grapes from their vineyard, with Zinfandel at the core. The other ‘field mix’ varietals used have flavors and structure that play off of the sweet berry qualities of Zinfandel. Our favorite is Carignane. On its own, it produces full-bodied, if somewhat rustic wine. But when combined with Zinfandel, it can accentuate the sweet berry qualities of Zin with spicy, red cherry fruit components and more firm structure in the mouth. Thus was born our “mutt” Zinfandel in 1997.

2007 Vintage

Silver Medal ▪ 2009 LA International Wine Competition
 Bronze Medal ▪ 2010 National Women’s Wine Competition
 Bronze Medal ▪ 2010 SF Chronicle Wine Competition
 Bronze Medal ▪ 2009 CA State Fair Wine Competition
 Bronze Medal ▪ 2009 SF International Wine Competition

2006 Vintage

Silver Medals - 2009 SF Chronicle, 2008 SF International & 2008 LA International Wine Competitions

2005 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL - 2008 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2004 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL - 2006 Sonoma County Harvest Fair



Brenda’s Winemaking... Great fruit & cold beer

It’s all about the fruit. For her Dog Series wines, Brenda has one goal in mind - create fruit-forward wines with varietally true aromatics, mid palette weight and flavor, and a full bodied and balanced finish. Over the years, Brenda has searched up and down California for vineyards that deliver the right quality of fruit for her wine style. The Central Coast appellation works perfectly for Brenda. The region stretches 250 miles along the coast of California, from San Francisco in the north to Santa Barbara in the south, averaging 25 miles wide. It is made up of numerous sub appellations - Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, Monterey County, Livermore Valley - where Brenda sources her grapes. The beauty of these diverse regions is that they share the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. Brenda’s travels always seem to have stops in beach towns for a cold beer at the local pub, which she claims are an equally important part of her winemaking!

Tasting Notes

Wonderful aromas of pure jam (raspberry, blackberry and cherry - take your pick) are followed by Zinfandel’s signature ripe and viscous entry. The ‘mutt’ shows itself in the finish where tannins and cleansing acidity give the wine complexity and drinkability at the same time.

Information

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| Vintage: | 2007 |
| Appellation: | Central Coast |
| % Zinfandel: | 89% |
| Alcohol: | 14.2% |
| Produced: | 5,380 cases |



Brenda at the winery

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