

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2007 Mixed Black

Estate Reserve Blend

The **Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives considerably higher rainfall than seen below in Paso Robles.

The **Wine**

This full-bodied blend is comprised of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Grenache – all from our Estate-grown fruit.

This wine is quite similar to the 2006 bottling which was very popular indeed. American and European barrel-aging has lent the **2007 Mixed Black** soft oak tannins accompanied by subtle spice nuances. This nicely-structured wine features a pleasant, round mouthfeel with dark fruit aromas and flavors. The Grenache provides the blend with a slight earthiness and pepper character, while the Zinfandel in the blend really pulls the fruity raspberry notes forward, and the Petite Sirah lends its dark color and abundant soft tannins to the finished blend. This wine received plenty of oak aging time, so additional bottle aging isn't necessary, although you may choose to experiment and see for yourself!

The **Blend**

2 Barrels Zinfandel
2 Barrels Petite Sirah
1 Barrel Grenache

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation
100% 2007 Vintage
Harvest date: September, 2007

The three **estate** cuvees were fermented individually in open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast. These grapes were fermented for 7-9 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. Aged in *American and Hungarian Oak Barrels* for 25 months. Final blending in January, 2009 then racked, filtered and bottled *unfined* in June 2010.

The 2007 Vintage yielded just under 130 cases.