



2003 ZINFANDEL

Alviso Vineyard ~ Amador County

100% Zinfandel ~ Certified organic vineyard

15 months in American and French oak

Non-malolactic Zinfandel.

Total Production: **658 cases**

A libertine of a wine with power and finesse.

Creamy, berry and plum aromas.

Blackberry, cocoa, sassafras, brambleberry, black cherry cola, anise, a dollop of vanilla creme and spicy French plum with fleshy tannins that provide a long smooth finish that lingers.

Amador County provides us with the best of both worlds for zinfandel: the ability to get the grapes ripe while maintaining natural acidity. Old-fashioned head pruned vines planted in Sierra granitically derived shallow soil. Hot days and cool nights give us the ripeness/acidity/PH and tannin balance that makes wine, well.... taste like wine.

Barbara Spelletich is an independent winemaker who follows her gut instincts regarding the balance of this big Zin. Ever since we started working with Amador County Zinfandel in 1998 Spelletich Cellars has prevented malo-lactic fermentation by sulphuring immediately after primary fermentation and settling.

The grapes reminded her of powerful Reislings or Gewurztraminers from Alsace and Germany from her days as an importer. Barbara wanted to capture and maintain that power and freshness.

This authentic wine has an abundance of individual character. Juicy and jammy, a big boy, prodigal Zinfandel boasting a hefty 17% alcohol yet carries it well in its tempered balance, ease of drink ability and ability to perform with food.

This wine complements food, family and friends.

Thank you for sharing our passion.

Spelletich Cellars is open 24 hours at WWW.SPELLWINE.COM.