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KarmaZin™

Old Vines Zinfandel

Rue-Wood Road Vineyard, Russian River Valley

The name **KarmaZin™** was bestowed in gratitude for the many gifts of good Karma received in life, whatever the source. When positive energy is put forth in hard work mixed with integrity, the giver is rewarded with success, the fulfillment of a dream.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Very complexly layered spice and black fruits, "impossibly profound" in its depth of fruit, opens beautifully after an hour breathing. Creamy oak, a bit of vanilla, a touch of aromatic blueberry. Rich in mouth, good structure for aging, a bit chewy in its youth.

Harvest Date: October 10, 2003 (full moon!)

Average Brix at Harvest: 28.0°Brix (soaked)

Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.68 gm/100ml pH 3.62

Fermentation Characteristics: Délestaged twice (at 17 and 10°Brix)
Total of 26 days on skins, including
10 days extended maceration

Cellar Storage/Aging: 12 months in barrels--
50% new + 1-year-old American
18% new + 1-year-old French
32% older French/Hung/American

Alcohol: 15.5 %

Total Acidity: 0.63 gm/100ml

pH: 3.73 pH

Varietal : estimated 85% Zinfandel
(remaining 15% is field-blend of Alicante
Bouschet, Petite Sirah, Carignane, etc.)

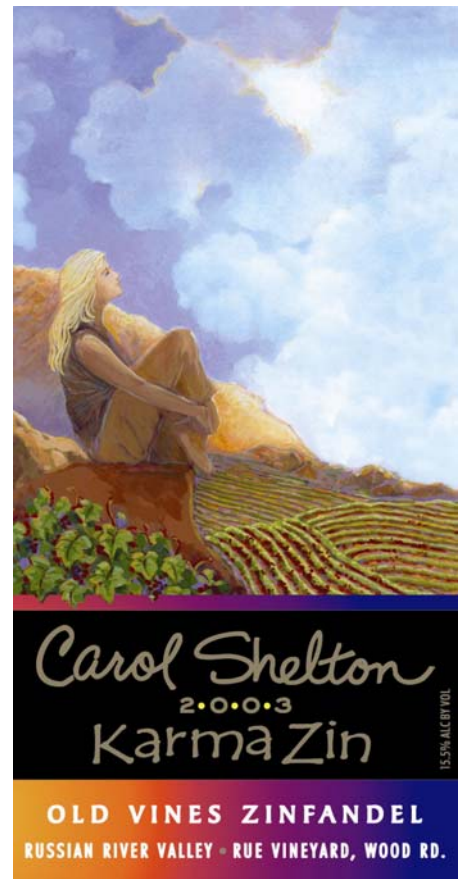
Appellation : Rue Vineyard, Wood Rd, RRV
Old Vines (about 107 years old)
(+5% Rockpile Zin)

Case production: 256 cases

Bottling Date: November 16, 2004

Release Date: November 16, 2005

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.00/bottle



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