

Old Vines Zinfandel Cox Vinevard, Mendocino County

Wild Thing is named for its attitude, and also for the uninoculated, or "wild," yeast ferment used to create it. It takes a whip and a chair to tame its wild fruit, but it is worth the trouble. As my husband likes to say, "It has all the right curves in all the right places."

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Intensely jammy, bright red razzberry fruit, vibrant and alive

> in both nose and mouth, nice hit of black pepper. Smoothly textured in mouth, creamy vanilla oak, and

the finish is long and lushly jammy fruit—dangerously good!

Harvest Date: October 14, 2002 Average Brix at Harvest: 27.2°Brix (soaked)

Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.61 gm/100ml pH 3.61

Fermentation Characteristics: Uninoculated yeast fermentation

which took 8 days to start (long cold soak!)

plus 1 week extended maceration.

for total 4 weeks on skins Déléstaged 3 times before 15°Brix

Cellar Storage/Aging: 8 months in barrels--

35% new American

32% 1-year-old American

33% older American and French

Alcohol: 16.0%

0.53 gm/100ml Total Acidity:

3.63 pH pH:

Varietal: 86% Zinfandel, 14% Carignane

Appellation: 100% Cox Vineyard, Mendocino Co.

> Organically grown vines ("Old Vines" = planted 1956)

Case production: 840 cases

Bottling Date: August 12, 2003 Release Date: April 1, 2004 Suggested Retail Price: \$28.00/bottle

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