

Wild Thing®

Old Vines Zinfandel Cox Vineyard, 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: Big black and brooding blackberry fruit, complexity

> in both nose and mouth, nice hit of black pepper. Rich and deep in mouth, nice dark chocolatey oak, and

the finish is long and lushly jammy fruit—Yum!

Harvest Date: September 22, 2001 Average Brix at Harvest: 26.3°Brix (soaked)

Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.76 gm/100ml pH 3.69

Fermentation Characteristics: Uninoculated yeast fermentation

> plus 2 weeks extended maceration, for total 31/2 weeks on skins Déléstaged 3 times before 15°Brix

Cellar Storage/Aging: 7 months in barrels--

43% new American

32% 1-year-old American

25% older French

Alcohol: 16.0%

Total Acidity: 0.62 gm/100ml

3.66 pH pH:

Varietal: 100% Zinfandel

Appellation: 100% Cox Vineyard, Mendocino Co.

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

Case production: 742 cases

Bottling Date: August 8, 2002 Release Date: January 27, 2003 Suggested Retail Price: \$28.00/bottle

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