



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata Estate 2012 Zinfandel

Zinfandel is a Paso Robles tradition that we are more than happy to honor. Zinfandel was one of the first grapes planted in Paso and has been in the area around 100 years! Zinfandel is also the traditional wine for Italian immigrants in America. Zinfandel was the closest they could come to the wines from home. Many Italian families grew Zinfandel in Paso; Gino even remembers his dad and uncle making Zin from Paso grapes when he was a child. To honor the tradition of Zin in Paso we dry-farm and head-train the vines and pick at a lower Brix than many others in the area. This showcases the spiciness of Paso Zin. 2012 was considered by many to have been the "perfect" growing season, not too hot or too cold, the vines budded out early and there was no frost, the weather held nicely through harvest. The 2012 Zin is bright berry fruit with the traditional Paso black pepper spice. It is a bit lighter in body than some years, but still stands up to our favorite pairings. A fun one is a Raspberry Cookie.

Harvested: September 25th and 27th, 2012

Brix: 25.2

pH: 3.58

Fermented: 11 days in 1.5 ton open-top bins

Pressed: into neutral barrels

Alcohol: 14.6%

Bottled: February 6, 2014

Production: 153 cases

Aging: Age this Zin? Nope, this one is ready to drink. Drink now through 2017.