

Things are happening down here! Thanks to all who showed-up on day one (we were packed!!!) We have a week under our belt now and things are all coming together. This is a really great spot and I hope you make it to our grand Zinfandel Tasting on Friday night!

I have changed things up a little: **We now offer a flight of 4 wines** they are always going to be top shelf wines. And, you can still get a half pour. You can also get wines by the glass. Something for everyone!
Cost:

\$24 for all four wines

\$14 for the 1/2 pour

2008 Dashe “Todd Ranch” \$34.00

The 2008 Zinfandel Todd Brothers Vineyard has a more saturated ruby/purple color as well as considerably more deep berry fruit and spice. A fragrant, rich, medium to full-bodied wine with supple tannins and beautiful purity, this is a lovely, elegant, yet substantial Zinfandel to drink over the next 3-4 years. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Hartford Family Russian River Valley Zinfandel \$34.50

Hartford Court’s 2007 Zinfandel Russian River reveals gorgeous sweet black cherry fruit, medium to full body, loads of spice, supple tannins, and that fresh exuberance that makes Zinfandel so appealing. Enjoy it over the next 3-4 years. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Biale Aldo’s Zinfandel \$53.

The 2007 Zinfandel Aldo’s Vineyard is from the southern part of Napa Valley called Oak Knoll. This vineyard was “only” planted in 1937. It exhibits a wild mountain berry-scented nose intermixed with hints of incense and spice box. Super-rich with abundant black fruit, earth, pepper, and spicy characteristics, this full-bodied, layered, stunning Zinfandel is capable of lasting for a decade or more. **93 Points Robert Parker.**

This is a beautiful portfolio of wines from Robert Biale Vineyards. The Stagecoach Vineyard is a large parcel nearly 500 acres on the hillsides above Oakville.

2007 Turley Dusi Vineyard Paso Roble Robles \$55.

The 2007 Zinfandel Dusi Vineyard (a well-known Paso Robles site) offers deep, full-bodied aromas and flavors of road tar, black cherries, truffles, meat, and roasted herbs. It also possesses full body and excellent intensity as well as vibrancy and definition. **91-93 Points Robert Parker.**

As always, a mind-boggling array of Zinfandels and Petite Syrahs has been produced by the world’s premier Zinfandel specialist, Larry Turley. He deserves remarkable credit for his “holy grail” quest to locate largely forgotten parcels of old Zinfandel vines, and preserve as many of these historic sites as possible. Like most Zinfandels, Turley’s are best drunk during their first 5-6 years of life, although in certain vintages, some wines can handle a decade worth of cellaring. However, the glory of Zinfandel is its youthful, exuberant, flamboyant, spicy, peppery, briery fruit. It will not achieve greater complexity or flavor dimension by extended cellaring. All of these Zinfandels come from dry-farmed vineyards, a majority of them being old head-pruned sites planted by Italian immigrants in the late 19th century.

The wines are aged in 20% new French oak, and are bottled with little clarification. Total production for Turley Wine Cellars is slightly more than 15,000 cases. They also make a small quantity of white wine. No one makes more concentrated or ageworthy wines than Larry Turley’s Petite Syrahs. This is California’s most underrated, long-lived varietal, and having had experience with 20-30 year old Petite Syrahs, they actually do improve in the bottle, becoming remarkably civilized with outstanding aging potential. They can match Cabernet Sauvignon for the longest lived varietal in California, but they can be so impenetrable, thick, and broodingly backward in their youth that only a small number of consumers follow them.

Thank you,

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