

Davis Family Vineyards

2004 Rouge, Russian River Valley

A wine I only make on rare occasion and a wine that only goes out to the wine club members – the last time was the 1999 vintage and many of you will remember it well, -- we had so many calls after that shipment giving us a big thumbs up!

It is a blend of Old Vine Zinfandel and Syrah, both from our own vineyards. We bottle each of these varieties on their own each year, but as I am working in the cellar during the season, if a blend emerges where the combination of the 2 is as good as its parts and creates something extra special I will craft just a few special barrels as a treat for our members – 2004 was one of those years! The Old Vine Zinfandel brings a juicy boysenberry/blackberry lushness to the wine in both aroma and in flavor but midway across the tongue the exotic side of the Syrah takes over.

The aromas and flavors are seamless in their blend but both noticeable as complex layers too. I have timed the release of this as a fun wine for Thanksgiving – the spicy notes will be a wonderful match for stuffing and alike while the full bodied fruit will enhance the turkey much like the cranberry sauce does...but with even more pizzazz!

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