

*Chiarito*

2005

ZINFANDEL

ESTATE BOTTLED

MENDOCINO

CHIARITO VINEYARD

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Chiarito Vineyard is a small-production artisan winery nestled in the benchlands of the eastern Ukiah Valley in Mendocino County.

This wine offers a nose of black cherry, raspberry and notes of spice. The palette shows black cherry, raspberry, blackberry, a hint of mint and spice, with a good acid balance, and ending in a long finish. The dry farmed and head trained Zinfandel grapes were blended with 18% estate-grown Petite Sirah.

Harvested by hand in the early morning on September 25 2005, the wine spent 19 months in French oak before bottling on May 12, 2007. Production is 450 cases.

**VINIFICATION AND AGING**

Method of extraction: Cold-soaked for 4 days; 3 punchdowns daily

Length of maceration: 8 days

Aging container: French oak barrels for 19 months

Filtered: Unfiltered

Fining: Unfined

**ANALYTICAL DATA**

Alcohol content: 15.1%

TA: .635g/100ml

pH: 3.61