

Stuhlmuller Vineyard

2005 Zinfandel

2005 Alexander Valley Estate Zinfandel

Proprietor Fritz Stuhlmuller

Winemakers Leo Hansen

Vineyards: Stuhlmuller Vineyards is located at the southern edge of the Alexander Valley, where it converges with two other highly regarded Sonoma County appellations, Chalk Hill and the Russian River Valley. On its eastern edge, the 150-acre vineyard borders the Russian River. Situated in a unique location that is part river benchlands and part hillside, the vineyard benefits from its alluvial gravel soils and the more rocky soils that comprise the hillside sections of the vineyard.

The Clones: At Stuhlmuller, two blocks totaling roughly one acre have been carefully set aside for growing small amounts of exceptional Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. These vines have been head pruned to augment the natural intensity of the hillside grown fruit by reducing yields. The budwood for this Zinfandel came from the prized 115-year-old Teldeschi clone, a legendary selection from Dry Creek Valley.

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The Wine: Displaying a beautiful dark ruby color with purple hues, this Zinfandel overflows with aromas of earthy red berry, raspberry and sweet candied strawberry. On the palate, this medium-weight wine is loaded with red fruit and floral flavors, while possessing a natural acidity that translates to a long, spicy finish.

Technical Notes

Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.77
Composition:	88% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah
Total Acidity:	0.61 g/100ml
Production:	387 cases
Release Date:	July 2007
Bottled:	December 2006
Suggested Retail:	\$24.00