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DenBeste Vineyards is a small, family-owned winery that has approximately four acres of Zinfandel in the northern section of wine-rich Alexander Valley. This area is the largest grape growing region in Sonoma County and the northern portion is commonly referred to the place where the vineyards meet the redwoods. The location of the vineyard is nestled on the eastern side of the north valley between the historic town of Asti and the rustic city of Cloverdale.

The vines were originally planted in 1957 as Carignane but were switched to Zinfandel in 1983 by Paul DenBeste. While managing this vineyard, Paul worked at the Italian-Swiss colony in local Asti for over two decades. It has since been passed on to Paul's brother, Jim and our first bottling occurred in 2003. This historic bottling would not have been a reality if not for the help of William and Lori DenBeste.

## 2003 Zinfandel Tasting Notes

500 Cases produced. Ruby in color, wonderful bright blackberry and blueberry aromas emanate from your glass immediately. An abundance of sweet, plush, jammy fruit is heightened with a touch of spice and bittersweet chocolate. Medium bodied and elegant, the ripe fruit is accentuated by sweet pipe tobacco, black pepper and lambert cherry. The stunning bright blackberry fruit evident with light oak and spice dominate the warm, rich finish. It should improve from 2005 to 2006.

## Statistical Information

Appellation: Alexander Valley  
Composition: 100% Zinfandel  
Age of Vines: 22 Years  
Barrels: 8 months in 100% French Oak  
Alcohol: 13.9%  
T.A.: 0.59/100ml  
PH: 3.64

