

KENDALL-JACKSON<sup>®</sup>  
*Grand Reserve*

2006 ZINFANDEL

JACKSON ESTATES GROWN

**Winemaking Philosophy**

Grand Reserve is a masterful blend of our mountain, hillside, ridge and benchland grapes grown along California's cool coastal appellations.

We hand-select grapes from our best estate vineyards and then monitor, taste and hand-hold each individual lot throughout the winemaking process. Each lot is kept separate, barrel-aged and handcrafted—boutique winery style. Our winemakers have an unmatched palate of flavors, toast levels and terroir nuances from which they masterfully blend these exemplary rich, deep and complex wines.

**Experience the Difference**

- 100% Jackson Estates Grown on vineyards that we own or control ensuring that our precision farming methods are used and grapes are harvested at the peak of their maximum potential.
- Grapes are sourced from lower-yielding estate vineyards and specially-designated "Grand Reserve" blocks.
- Precision harvesting, gentle de-stemming, and soft pressing methods are utilized to ensure the grapes are handled in the most delicate manner possible.
- Saignée method of extracting small amounts (5% - 15%) of fresh juice augments complex tannins and overall concentration by increasing the skin to juice ratio prior to fermentation.
- Pre-fermentation cold-soak adds layers of complexity by extracting a different profile of silky phenolics. This gentle skin contact results in tannins that are rounder, more lush, lingering and voluptuous.

**Vintage Profile**

This vintage could be one of the best of the decade. A series of beautiful, mild days with predictable heat spikes during the summer months were perfect for flavor development. The relatively normal growing season resulted in even and true ripeness and concentrated fruit flavors.

**Key Growing Regions**

This premiere vintage of Zinfandel comes from estate vineyards in Mendocino County ranging in age from 15 to 25 years – one in Redwood Valley and the other on the Talmage Bench. The high-elevation, loamy soils produce low-yielding intensely-flavored fruit with bigger structures through firm, developed tannins. The addition of Barbera from a vineyard bisected by the Napa and Solano County line contributes intense brambleberry fruit character.

**Winemaker Notes**

*"Dark purple with a tinge of ruby color, this beautiful Grand Reserve Zinfandel has bright brambleberry flavors that balance spice, white pepper and toasty oak notes. The firm, chalky tannins blend together to form a deliciously smooth and supple structure that's pleasing to the palate."*

—Randy Ullom, Winemaster

**Statistical Information**

Appellation: 76% Mendocino County  
24% Solano County

Composition: 76% Zinfandel  
24% Barbera

Cases: 320

Barrel Aging: 12 months

Alcohol: 15.0%

T.A.: 0.60 g/100 ml

pH: 3.58

