

FEATURED WINES

2005 Hallcrest 'Nova' Lake County Zinfandel

Chaffee Hall had a clear vision of what he wanted Hallcrest Vineyards to be.

When he planted grapevines on the Hall family's retreat in California's Santa Cruz Mountains in 1941, the prominent San Francisco attorney already was devoted to uncompromised quality. Hall knew that such a commitment would enable his winery to compete with the more established (and famous) estates to the north in Napa and Sonoma counties.

After Hall's death, the estate's name was changed to Felton Empire Winery by its new owners. An ignominious period ensued, ending when John Schumacher and his family purchased the site and set about restoring the original Hallcrest label and — more importantly — reputation. The Schumachers remain clearly focused on that pursuit to this day.

Exhibit A: the 2005 Hallcrest Zinfandel, crafted from grapes grown in Lake County, California. It's a small-lot, handcrafted, premium wine that's brimming with spice-framed dark fruit flavor. We have to believe that, somewhere, Chaffee Hall is smiling proudly.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

100% Zinfandel

Grape Source:

Select Vineyards in
Lake County, California

Aromas and Flavors:

Plum, Black Raspberry
and Spice, With
a Toasty Oak Finish

When to Drink:

Now Through 2011

Our Tasting Panel Score:

91 Points

This wine is brimming with spice-framed black raspberry and plum fruit, leading to a toasty oak finish.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: meatloaf topped with barbecue sauce, or barbecued ribs.

WINE RE-ORDER #: 18885

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