2007 Home Ranch Zinfandel

In 1893, newlyweds Edoardo and Angela Seghesio purchased their first home in Alexander Valley. As winemaker for the most prominent winery in Sonoma County, Edoardo recognized great vineyard potential surrounding the modest home. In 1895, he planted the "Home Ranch" vineyard and began our family's lineage of Sharing Uncommon Ground.

Vineyard Location	Estate, head-pruned vineyard in Alexander Valley, planted in 1895
Vintage	"Best Vintage to Date!" is the quote from a winemaker who seldom speaks in superlatives. With a drought in the beginning of the season, an abundant crop was set in a tight window yet, only half of the crop made it to maturity. A dry, moderate growing season punctuated by a heat wave in August provided intensely flavored fruit.
Vineyard Regime	Our crews walk this venerable vineyard with willow switches tipping the canes to drive lateral growth into the vine's crown providing shade when the canes droop late in the season. Both a green harvest and a veraison thin are performed. Just prior to harvest, a touch-up pass ensures a harvest of evenly ripened fruit.
Hand-Harvested	September 19, 2007
Average Brix at Harvest	26.5°
Fermentation Regime	100% small lot, punch-down fermentation by hand; 10 day maceration
Barrel Regime	Barrel-aged 11 months in 75% French oak and 25% American oak (25% new)
Food Affinities	Beef, game, red sauces, spicy cuisine and, one of our favorites, mascarpone cheese

Alcohol – 15.5% *Release Date – March 2009*

Winemaker Notes

- *Briary spiced, perfumy character*
- *Scents of blackberries, raspberries and cracked black pepper*
- *Home Ranch's graham crust essence*
- *Lush texture with mouth-filling berry juiciness*
- *Subtle mocha and char oak tones add complexity*
- *Warm climate integrated tannin ripeness*
- *Old Vine's acid presence gives focus and length*
- *A Classic!*

--Ted Seghesio