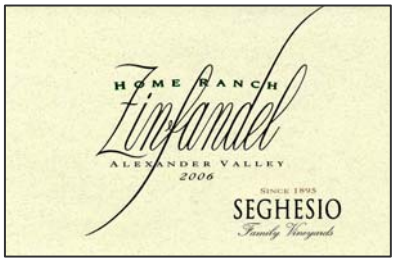
2006 Home Ranch Zinfandel

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" and began our family's lineage of Sharing Uncommon Ground.



Vineyard Location	Estate, head-pruned vineyard in Alexander Valley, planted in 1895
Vintage	2006 proved our latest vintage since 1981. A late bud break followed by rain virtually every day in April set the vines behind normal. Fortunately, the tightest bloom window in a decade set a more uniform crop. A summer heat wave was moderated by a mild August and September enabling the grapes to develop optimum flavors and soft ripe tannins.
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 21, 2006
Average Brix at Harvest	26.2°
Fermentation Regime	100% small lot, punch-down fermentation; 10 day maceration.
Barrel Regime	Barrel aged 11 months in 50% French Oak and 50% American Oak; 33% new barrels.
Food Affinities	Beef, game, red sauce, pastas and spicy cuisine.

Alcohol – 15.7% *Release Date – March 2008*

Winemaker Notes

- *Warm climate fruit produces a dense, dark berry profile*
- *Spicy blackberry scents*
- *Briary, anise entry on the palate*
- *Full, intense flavors of blackberry preserves and blueberry*
- *Low yields deliver juicy acidity*
- *Clay earth overtones*
- *French oak toast, cinnamon spices*
- *Fine, ripe tannins formed through prolonged hang time*
- *Bright Home Ranch typicity*

--Ted Seghesio