

Wine Spectator

TOP 100 wines of the world

2008

#10

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2007 Sonoma County 93 / \$24
CALIFORNIA

The Seghesio family has been making wine for a century in northern Sonoma County and farms more than 400 acres in Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys. For this Sonoma County 2007, winemaker Ted Seghesio tapped his diverse grape sources. Aged 11 months in 75 percent American oak, it's a complex, seductive, pepper-and-berry-laced Zin with a supple texture and a spicy finish.

2007

#91

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2005 Sonoma County 90 / \$20
CALIFORNIA

Century-old Seghesio hit its stride in the 1990s when it reinvented itself to focus on Zinfandel. Ted Seghesio now makes five Zinfandel bottlings each year that routinely impress. This is the winery's best value, a blend of six different estate-owned or estate-farmed vineyards.

2005

#78

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2003 Sonoma County 90 / \$18
CALIFORNIA

Seghesio makes a handful of highly recommended Zinfandels each year, and 2003 was no exception. Winemaker Ted Seghesio says that the weather in 2003 was unpredictable, with an April so cold the vines hardly grew and a May so hot you could see the vine growth every day. With meticulous farming, Seghesio was able to overcome the vagaries of weather to bring out the best from the finicky Zinfandel grape.

2004

#11

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2002 Sonoma County 92 / \$17
CALIFORNIA

All five Seghesio Zinfandel bottlings from the 2002 vintage are remarkable efforts, this one is the most widely available and offers the best value. Winemaker Ted Seghesio made this wine from grapes grown on estate vineyards in Sonoma's Alexander valley and Dry Creek Valley. It is aged in a mix of French and American oak for year.

2003

#49

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2001 Old Vine 92 / \$28
CALIFORNIA

The grapes for this wine come from vineyards in the Alexander and Dry Creek valleys, where low-yielding, 90-year-old vines produce very concentrated fruit flavors. While many Zinfandel producers struggled with the cool conditions of the 2000 vintage, winemaker Ted Seghesio crafted a big and expressive Zinfandel with well-integrated tannins.

2002

#53

SEGHEGIO

Zinfandel Sonoma County

2000 Old Vine 91 / \$28
CALIFORNIA

Edoardo Seghesio first planted Zinfandel in Sonoma in 1895. Four generations later, the Seghesio family promotes this varietal as the flagship of its company; half of the family's 400 acres are planted to Zinfandel. The head-pruned vines from Alexander and Dry Creek valleys that provided fruit for this wines average 90 years of age and are a consistent source of dark, spicy wild berry flavors.