

05 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Zinfandel

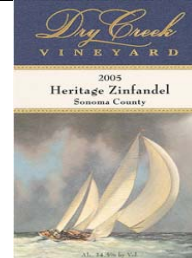
**Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evaluation Scale):** {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

**Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System:** {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

*Appearance (3 Pts. Total)*

**CLARITY** Clear  
Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant  
**COLOR** Dense, inky, plum  
Hue  
**COLOR** Deep and dense; a tooth-stainer  
Depth

Clear  
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Deep and dense; a tooth-stainer  
**Total** 2



*Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)*

**NOSE** Blueberry and blackberry with a hint of spice and cedar  
**AROMA INTENSITY** Medium  
**OFF NOTES** N/A

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N/A  
**Total** 5

*Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)*

**FIRST IMPRESSION** Restrained fruit--blueberry, cherry and blackberry  
**MID-PALATE** Fruit gives way to spice, and earth flavors with restrained acidity  
**FINISH** Finish lingers and goes on, but without a ton of depth of flavor; just an "I've been here" notion  
**TASTE INTENSITY** Medium

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**Total** 11

**Final Score** 18

**General Notes**

A fine Zin; high quality and well-made. After once loving Dry Creek Vineyards, though, I'm finding that their recent offerings are lacking in a certain je ne sais quoi that truly make them satisfy at price point or out-perform other offerings. Based on the density of this wine, I do give them credit for keeping the acid moderately in tune with the fruit when it could have easily tilted towards pure fruit ripeness.

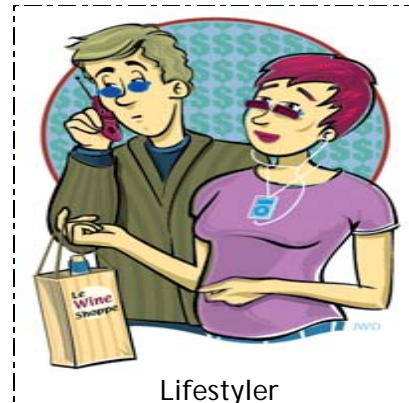
**Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating**



**Wine Style (Food or Social)** Social  
**Food Pairing** N/A  
**Drinkable for how long?** 2011  
**Price** \$16.00  
**Value Assessment** Fair  
Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced  
**Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI)** Lifestyler  
Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~  
~ Lifestyler ~ Adventurer/Fashionista ~  
~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~

Social  
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Taster:                       
Date:                      08-25-07                     



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