



HULLABALOO



Webster's Dictionary (The Voice of Authority) defines Hullabaloo as: *To cause an uproar or fuss*, and we are certain that this wine is positioned to do just that! Taking advantage of some strong "old timer" grower relations, we have been able to source some wonderful old vine Zinfandel from several Napa Valley vineyards. Please don't ask us from where, as we have been sworn to secrecy; just know the same grapes go into wines that retail for three to four times the price.

Also, since people always ask us about our interesting labels here is a little bit about Hullabaloo: We chose the classic 19th century strongman icon as we thought it was fitting of the period between 1850 and 1900 (around the same time Zinfandel was planted and began to flourish in California). The strongman was not only an exhibitor of *feats of strength* but his main purpose was also to showcase his great size, boldness and symmetry - kind of describes old vine Zinfandel doesn't it?

Harvest Dates:	October 26 - November 4, 2005
Blend:	96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Grapes:	Average Brix: 29.2
Aging:	American Oak (Medium to Heavy + Toast)
Time in Barrel:	15 months
Alcohol%:	15.6% (Final analysis at bottling)
Residual Sugar:	0.084%
Total Acid:	0.59 g/100ml
ph:	3.53

The 2005 Hullabaloo displays a classic briery, jammy nose with further aromas of spice and pepper as it unfolds. Flavors of sweet black currant and raspberry dominate the palate showcasing powerful ripeness, impressive textures and well-integrated oak. At 15.6% alcohol the wine does a fine job of walking a tightrope between muscularity and elegance, which we believe is the cornerstone of great Zinfandel.