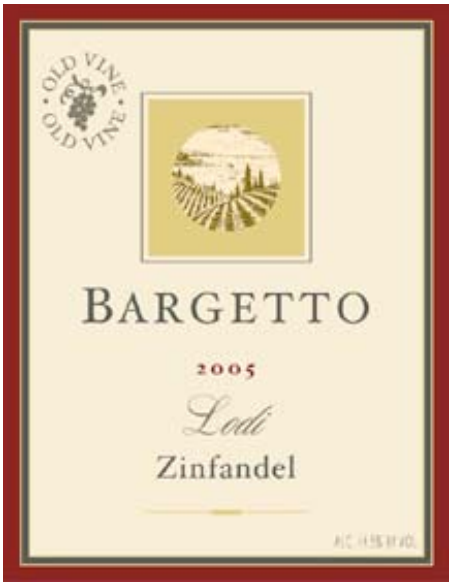
WINE RECOMMENDATION



Bargetto Winery

2005 Zinfandel
(Lodi)

Really, this one was a total surprise. The nose is all pure Zinfandel in the style that most people who have any history with Zin will totally embrace. This smells, tastes and finishes like perfect Zin from the old days. Although is it 80 percent Zinfandel (from the Schmierer Vineyard and Rauser Vineyard), it also contains 20 percent Carignane from the Rauser Vineyard. By itself, the Carignane is a mellow, earthy, deeply-rooted wine, and here, it adds a very nice cushion to the fruit-loaded Zinfandel.

Picked at 24.6° Brix, the **Bargetto** Zinfandel has a delightful acid core that really makes an ideal food wine. It is brim-filled with great blackberries, elderberries and raspberries, plus a very nice hint of cola. There is nothing overripe or overwrought here: just plain, old-fashioned, honest-to-goodness Zin. It's the "before time" Zin, before the age of jamaholic fruit bombs that push 18 percent and pretend they're not Port. Ha! This wine is just like the handsome farm girl from Iowa before she went to Hollywood and got all gussied up. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Reviewed October 31, 2007 by Laura Ness.

THE WINE

Winery: Bargetto Winery
Vintage: 2005
Wine: Zinfandel
Appellation: Lodi
Grape: Zinfandel
Price: $15.00

THE REVIEWER

Laura Ness

A wine writer and wine judge for major publications and competitions around the country, Laura Ness likens wine to the experience of music. She is always looking for that ubiquitous marriage of rhythm, melody, and flawless execution. What is good music? You know it when you get lost in it. What is good wine? It is music in your mouth.

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