

## Tim Fish's Recommended California Zinfandels

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### TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>BEDROCK The Bedrock Heritage Sonoma Valley 2012</b> An exceptional red that recalls the hearty old California field blends with style. Exotic aromas lead to plum, Asian spice and licorice flavors. A blend of Zinfandel, Carignane and 20 other field-blended varieties.	95	\$42
<b>BEDROCK Lorenzo's Heritage Dry Creek Valley 2012</b> Offers scents of wild berry, dried flowers and sage, with deep flavors of smoky pepper, mineral and grilled anise. Zinfandel blend.	94	\$42
<b>BEDROCK Zinfandel Lodi Kirschenmann Vineyard 2012</b> This is sleek, rich and structured, with graceful cherry, fresh sage and pepper flavors. A Zin that taps into Lodi's true potential.	94	\$35
<b>BEDROCK Zinfandel Sonoma Valley Monte Rosso 2012</b> Powerful and ripe, showing floral wild berry and spicy smoke aromas, with complex blueberry, red clay and black licorice flavors.	94	\$45
<b>TURLEY Zinfandel Napa Valley Heminway Vineyard 2011</b> Powerfully built, with a firm structure inside a supple texture, offering rich dried cherry, loamy mineral and underbrush flavors.	94	\$35
<b>BEDROCK Evangelho Vineyard Heritage Contra Costa County 2011</b> Distinctive, with floral raspberry and spice box aromas that lead to tart wild berry, licorice, soy and mineral flavors. Zinfandel blend.	93	\$35
<b>CARLISLE Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2011</b> Dense yet surprisingly light on its feet, with ripe flavors balanced by a solid core of acidity and tannins. Hands off for now.	93	\$48
<b>HARTFORD FAMILY Zinfandel Russian River Valley Dina's Vineyard Old Vine 2011</b> The rare Zin that favors structure and focus over bold flavors yet doesn't sacrifice a rich and zesty character.	93	\$55
<b>TURLEY Zinfandel Napa Valley Hayne Vineyard 2011</b> Unabashedly ripe and bold, with flavors that blend red and black fruit with accents of underbrush, cracked pepper and mineral.	93	\$75
<b>TURLEY Zinfandel Paso Robles Pesenti Vineyard 2011</b> Deeply structured and jammed with fruit, with appealingly rustic and ripe dried cherry, mineral and smoky cracked pepper flavors.	93	\$35
<b>JC CELLARS Zinfandel Sonoma Valley Cassata Vineyard 2011</b> Loaded with personality, with black raspberry and exotic fruitcake aromas and dried cherry, licorice and toffee flavors.	92	\$39
<b>LIMERICK LANE Zinfandel Russian River Valley Rocky Knoll 2011</b> Impressively focused and structured, this balances ripe fruit and acidity with blueberry and spicy cinnamon aromas.	92	\$45
<b>MARTINELLI Zinfandel Russian River Valley Vigneto Di Evo 2011</b> A big wine, ripe and focused, with a solid backbone, offering berry and mineral aromas, with spicy smoke and herb flavors.	92	\$32
<b>SAXUM Paderewski Vineyard Paso Robles 2011</b> A bruiser, muscular and ripe, with floral boysenberry and chocolate aromas that lead to rich huckleberry flavors. Zinfandel blend.	92	\$89
<b>SEGHESIO Zinfandel Sonoma County Old Vine 2011</b> Densely structured, with bold cherry and licorice aromas and layered flavors of savory plum, grilled herb and Asian spice.	92	\$38

### TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>CAROL SHELTON Zinfandel Rockpile Rocky Reserve Florence Vineyard 2010</b> Focused and well-structured, with ripe cherry and grilled sage aromas that lead to plum, cracked white pepper and licorice flavors.	92	\$35

### TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>BEDROCK Zinfandel Sonoma Valley Old Vine 2012</b> Expressive aromas of licorice, dark chocolate and plum lead to youthful, zesty flavors of blueberry, olive and cracked pepper.	91	\$24
<b>JC CELLARS Smoke &amp; Mirrors California 2012</b> Refreshingly quirky, offering zesty dried blackberry, cracked pepper and licorice flavors, with ripe tannins. Zinfandel blend.	91	\$25
<b>CAROL SHELTON Zinfandel Cucamonga Valley Monga Zin Old Vine Lopez Vineyard 2010</b> Dense and burly, but loaded with flavor, with briary underbrush and blackberry aromas and notes of cherry, tomato leaf and spice.	91	\$21
<b>TURLEY Zinfandel California Juvenile 2012</b> Sleek, ripe and youthful, with jammy raspberry aromas and flavors and zesty notes of smoky spice and grilled anise.	91	\$20
<b>GIRARD Zinfandel Napa Valley Old Vine 2012</b> Loaded with ripe fruit, this has just enough structure to stay light on its feet, with black cherry, toasty oak and spice aromas.	90	\$24
<b>CAROL SHELTON Zinfandel Mendocino County Wild Thing Old Vine 2011</b> Vibrant and zesty, offering smoky cherry aromas and complex briary raspberry, underbrush and cracked pepper flavors.	90	\$19
<b>BIANCHI Zinfandel Paso Robles Heritage Selection 2010</b> Big, jammy and fun to drink, with briary wild berry aromas and zesty black raspberry, dried red pepper and herb flavors.	89	\$18
<b>KLINKER BRICK Zinfandel Lodi Old Vine 2011</b> Intensely ripe and jammy, with aromas of raisin and charred spice that lead to zesty flavors of baked cherry, tar and licorice.	89	\$19
<b>XYZIN Zinfandel California Old Vine 2011</b> Zesty and balanced, offering raspberry and anise aromas, with focused cherry and spice flavors that finish on a crisp note.	89	\$16
<b>BOGLE Zinfandel California Old Vine 2011</b> Soft and juicy, with sweet dried cherry and herb aromas leading to zesty raspberry, underbrush and white pepper flavors.	88	\$11
<b>CLINE Zinfandel Contra Costa County Ancient Vines 2012</b> A snappy Zin, with smoky raspberry aromas and zesty, user-friendly cherry, anise and spice flavors.	88	\$15
<b>FOUR VINES Zinfandel California Truant Old Vine 2011</b> A zesty little Zin, with dried cherry, plum, toasty herb and spice flavors.	87	\$12
<b>KIRKLAND SIGNATURE Zinfandel Sonoma County Old Vine 2011</b> Soft and quite ripe, with dried plum, licorice and spicy cinnamon notes.	87	\$10
<b>RANCHO ZABACO Zinfandel Sonoma County Sonoma Heritage Vines 2012</b> Raspberry and cinnamon spice aromas lead to cherry and herb flavors.	87	\$15