

# Total Beverage Blog

## I LOVE THIS WINE!

... a zinfandel that is music to the palate!

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**"This is a rockstar zinfandel that deserves for more people to be drinking it!"**

This week's pick exemplifies my idea of a good wine: high-quality juice for a great price that is not widely available. This one has a wonderful label that appeals to the musician in me, too! (It makes a stunning gift bottle for your musician friends that like big reds.)

I want you to know about this wine! I want you to enjoy this wine, too, so I've included some food pairing ideas. Want to learn more? You know what to do ... click through!

### THIS WEEK'S PICK:

R&B Cellars "Swingsville Zin" Zinfandel 2005 (California) - \$11.98 (regularly \$15.98).

Blend of zinfandel (87%) and petite sirah (13%).

Only 8,200 cases made.

### KAREN'S CELLARING NOTES:

Drink this one now! Put some jazz on, get your grill going, and enjoy with friends.

### KAREN'S PAIRING NOTES:

At 15.4% alcohol, this is a BIG ZIN...and can be enjoyed on its own. However, for maximum enjoyment, pair with:

- grilled meats;
- marinated skirt steak;
- barbecued ribs, chicken or pork...with a spicy-tangy bbq sauce;
- lamb;
- duck;
- baked lasagna;
- gorgonzola, manchego or aged parmesan cheeses; or
- dark chocolate.

### WHY I LOVE THIS WINE:

This is a rockstar zinfandel that deserves for more people to be drinking it! And this ain't no factory juice; it's lovingly made by the musically-inclined Brown family at their boutique winery in northern California.

I love this wine because it's versatile and elegant but approachable and friendly at the same time. It's got a cool label, it's made by a swingin' family and it tastes like a much more expensive zin. That's a winner in my book.

This wine is not widely available, but we've got plenty. You'll find it in the stand-up zinfandel section of the store. Look for the pretty blue label with the sexy treble clef jamming up a musical storm. Blackberry jam in the bottle, and a jazzy jam session on the label. Life is good.

Cheers!

