

## ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

### 2002 RESERVE ZINFANDEL *Pagani Vineyard* SONOMA VALLEY

**HARVEST** October 2002

**AGING** Twelve to Fifteen months

**STORAGE** New American Oak

**BOTTLING** May 2004

**ALCOHOL** 15.6 % by volume

**RECOMMENDATION** 10 Years

Planted over a hundred years ago by Felice Pagani, the legendary Pagani Vineyard produces as little as one or two tons per acre of intensely flavored clusters that ripen at unusually high sugar levels. The occasional Alicante Bouschet vines dotted among the Zinfandel contribute to a deep purple blend rich with jammy fruit. For the 2002 vintage, we hand-picked the grapes in October and crushed them into stainless steel tanks. Fermented over twelve to eighteen days, the wine was then racked into new American oak barrels and aged for twelve to fifteen months. Bottled without fining, it was held another four to eight months before release. This is a bold wine with dark hints of licorice, chocolate, pepper, and black plum.

