

BRANHAM Estate Wines

Planted in 1994 the Branham Rockpile represents the first vineyard of BEW. At that time, we had no idea just how unique the terroir of this location would be (Rockpile AVA). The vines at this vineyard produce distinctive zinfandel fruit that belies its relative youth. The vines are head trained and non-irrigated. This wine is a deep ruby color, with bright blackberry aromas and smokey notes, and big tannins nicely balanced with ample dark fruits on the finish.

BRANHAM

Zinfandel

ROCKPILE

2005

Vineyards

Branham Rockpile

Varietal %

Zinfandel 95% - Petite Sirah 5%

Harvest

October 21, 2005

Brix 25.8 - 3.75 pH - .71 TA

Winemaking

Fermented 14 days, Pressed at dryness to French Oak

Malolactic fermentation: inoculated at pressing and completed in barrels

Aged Sixteen Months in 100% French Oak-20% New

Chemistry at Bottling

14.6% Alcohol

3.82 pH; .63 TA

Release Information

Bottling: February 2007

210 Cases