

**PLUS!**

Platinum Series Selection

**Woodenhead Vintners***2006 Martinelli Road Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel*

Russian River Valley

715 Cases Produced

Growing up on the Russian River, Nikolai Stez was drawn to the wine industry at an early age and began experimenting with home winemaking during his early college days. The hobby stuck, and by 1986 Stez was mentoring at legendary Williams Selyem Winery in Healdsburg, California. He worked an impressive seventeen harvests at Williams Selyem, and for a time, served as assistant winemaker to Burt Williams, from whom he gained incredible inspiration, and it confirmed his life's passion for wine. With the sale of Williams Selyem in 1997, Stez moved on and started his own label, which he called Woodenhead Vintners. The small winery was established by 1999 with a pure and simple winemaking style – one Stez refers to as “Burgundian done California style.” His profile is predominantly Pinot Noir (about 60%), with the remainder including mostly Zinfandel, Carignane, Syrah and French Colombard. With just 3,500 cases produced each year, Woodenhead Vintners is an ultra boutique winery that has quickly gained a cult-like following in the Russian River area. Stez is assisted by his domestic partner, Zina Bower, who oversees the marketing and business side of their small winery entity. Together, they share an undeniable passion for wine and maintain a vision to handcraft unique, ultra premium wines from a hard labor of love.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Woodenhead Vintners' 2006 Martinelli Road Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel comes from a small Russian River Valley property that was originally planted to wine grapes in 1882. When the land was sold to the Martinelli family in 1903, some of the vines were replanted with Italian clones, and today the Martinellis continue the over one hundred year family tradition of producing ultra premium, old vine wine grapes (some of the vines aging 124 years this vintage!). Woodenhead's 2006 Zinfandel is just gorgeous...rivaling any century vine Zins produced in California. Dark ruby in color, this Old Vine Zinfandel has a nose of rose and violets framed by dark berries, plums, cedar, and blackberry briar as only the Russian River Valley can give. The palate screams blackberry, Bing cherry, dark chocolate and mocha notes with an expressive mid palate and long finish. The *Zinfandel Advocates and Producers (ZAP) Festival* awarded this wine its **Top Score: 9.5 Points**. Woodenhead's 2006 Old Vine Zin also garnered a **Gold Medal** from the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition* and a **Gold Medal** from the *West Coast Wine Competition*. Aged in French oak. 100% Old Vine Zinfandel. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS*2006 Martinelli Road Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel*

Winery Direct: \$45.00 /bottle

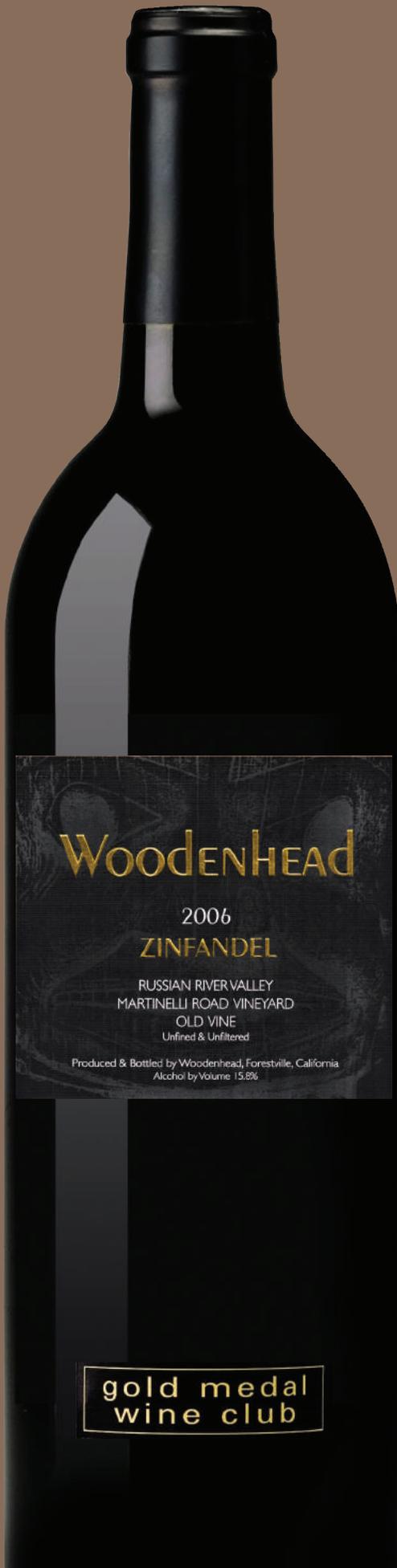
**Gold Medal Wine Store price:****2-Bottle Members: \$38.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$36.00 /bottle**

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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