

Chase

2002 Zinfandel

A lush vintage packed with a stunning nose and front end of bright fresh black cherry, blackberry and plum. The complexity comes in spice, toast, vanilla, coffee, chocolate and herb flavors which are supported by smooth tannins and rich character. Elegance, structure and balance are once again the trademarks.

Hayne Vineyard

At S. E. Chase Family Cellars, we have a deep appreciation for old vines. Planted in 1903, the vines are head pruned, dry-farmed and are planted on St. George rootstock. The gravelly soil combined with a slight slope consistently produces the most exuberant and expressive Zinfandel grapes in the Napa Valley. These unique grapes create one of the most robust Zinfandels from the Napa Valley region.



Harvest	September, October 2002
Bottled	February, 2004
Barrels	French Oak; 10% new
Wine Maker	Bill Ballentine

Our Philosophy: Making the best wine possible starts in the vineyard. For over 100 years, these old vines have flourished in Napa Valley's best soil, allowing each vine to develop its own unique personality. It is our commitment to nurture these gnarly old vines into this century so they can continue to bring you incomparable wines.

There exists a deep, rich family history at Chase Cellars and there is no better way to express it than to let these old vines speak for themselves.

Enjoy!

-Andy and Pam Simpson

S. E. Chase Family Cellars - A Family Reborn

In 1874, Sarah Ester Chase Bourn, wife of a wealthy businessman, purchased a small vineyard in the verdant soils of Napa Valley. A strong, determined woman, she became a well known character throughout the community. It was from this vineyard that her son sold grapes to the very first winemakers in Napa. And on this vineyard that her daughter, Maude, planted the zinfandel grapes that now, 100 years later, flavor Chase Zinfandel. Chase Zinfandel celebrates the rich character and strong personality of our great-great-grandmother, Sarah Ester Chase Bourn.

Although our family has been growing grapes in Napa Valley for over 100 years, it wasn't until 1997 that we decided to expand into wine making. Living on the Hayne Vineyard for 10 years, we saw the potential that existed outside the front door. The daily view of 100 year old vines sparked us to consider making our own unique wine. With the release of their first vintage in 1998, and the building of a small winery on the vineyard in 2002, our zeal swiftly became our passion.

