

92 points

PETER FRANUS 2007 BRANDLIN VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

"This bold red grows at 1,200ft on dry farmed, head-pruned vines planted in the 1920's. The eastern exposure helps keep the fruit fresh as it matures on the vine a combination of zinfandel (92%) with charbono , mouvedere, and carignon. In 2007, the wine's intensity and power is balanced by its freshness and fierce mountain tannin. The red fruit is just as fierce, a type of raspberry and strawberry that doesn't grow on the valley floor. Its long and kinetic, assessable now, but built to age."

