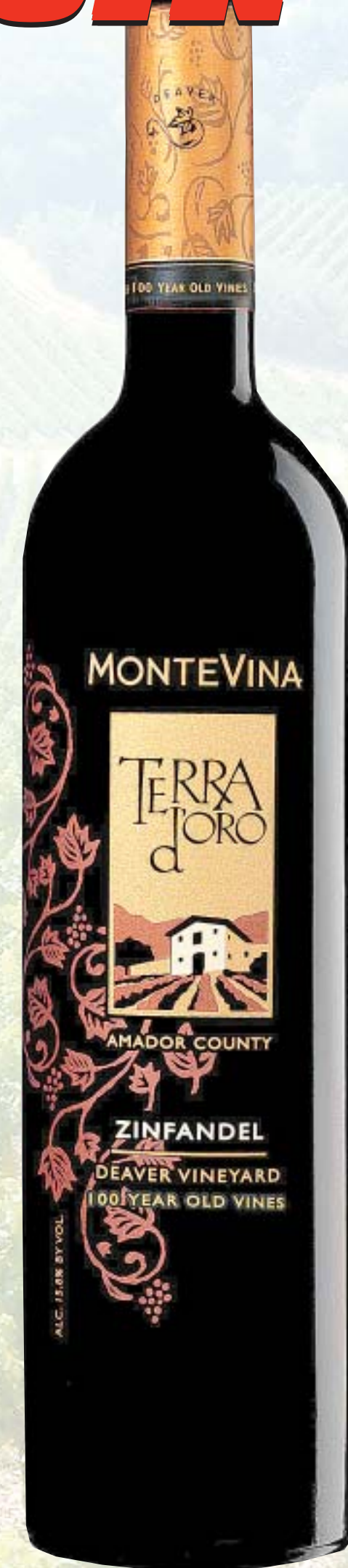
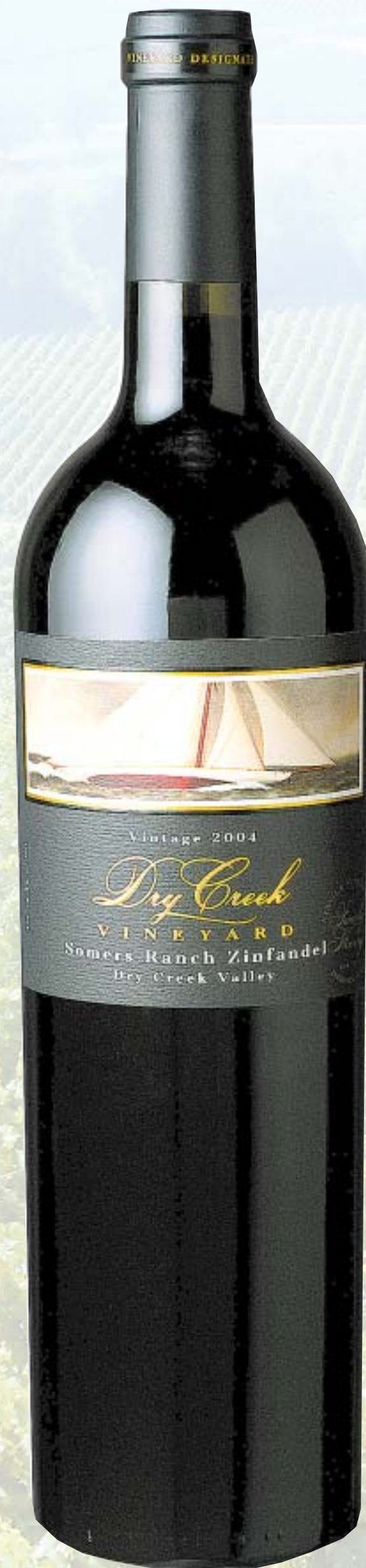


The Cork Report

ZINS

The bold
and the
beautiful



Rosenblum Monte Rosso Vineyard Reserve 2005 – A powerful wine full of zest. Bold and chewy. One of Rosenblum's best. **91**

Dry Creek Vineyard Somers Ranch 2004 – Soft tannins. Rich fruits and a hint of spice. Lots of finesse. **91**

Montevina Sierra Foothills 2003 – Winemaker Chris Leamy, one of our favorites, displays his talent for Zins with this wine. Simultaneously simple yet complex. Chewy tannins cover your palate and linger. **90**

Rosenblum Lake County 2005 – This wine offers a wide combination of flavors, including blackberries and a hint of vanilla. **90**

Montevina Terra d'Oro Deaver Vineyard 2004 – Another fine offering from Amador County. What you hope for and expect from California Zin. Well-balanced, big and flavorful. Especially good with something off the grill. **90**

Montevina Terra d'Oro Amador County 2004 – Chewy, spicy, full-bodied. A winner all the way through! **90**

Ravenswood Vintner's Blend 2005 – A hugely popular Zin, and there's no wonder why. Approachable peppery flavors with nice legs and a strong backbone. Yet, soft enough to show finesse. Very good, and a great value. **89**

Ravenswood Dickerson 2004 – A small production (only about 1000 cases) that showcases some of Ravenswood's best. A medicinal nose with a hint of mint leads to mouthfilling flavors. Not very spicy or tannic. **88**

Rancho Zabaco Dry Creek Valley Reserve 2003 – Well-made. Smooth and well-balanced. Good with burgers off the grill. **88**

Twisted Zin 2005 – Full of cherry and jammy flavors. A good food wine. **88**

Gnarly Head Old Vine 2005 – An enjoyable medium-bodied Zin with touch of spice and a well-rounded finish. **87**

Rancho Zabaco Sonoma Heritage Vines 2004 – The nose suggests this could be a big one ... and it is. Full of character and spice, this wine has a distinct finish. **87**

Gallo of Sonoma – Mellow and easy drinking. Not what one would consider a "hot" Zin but instead slightly mild. **86**

Dancing Bull 2004 – Medium-bodied and even tannins. Not too chewy. Affordable and especially good for a first-time Zin drinker. **86**

Guide to the Cork Report

90-100	Outstanding
80-89	Very Good
70-79	Good
Below 70	Really bad and probably won't even be mentioned