

# Orleans Hill

ORGANIC WINES

SPRING 2005

The Orleans Hill brand has been in production since the late 1970's. In the mid 80's, it switched to buying only organically grown grapes and by the mid-90's had perfected the production of 'no sulfite added' wines. Today the wines are produced in Collegeville, the heart of the central valley and distributed in over 30 states.

The wine style is focused on selecting certified organic grapes from any California region and crafting youthful, varietally correct, and when possible, sulfite free wines. all this and we take on the added challenge of marketing them nationwide for under \$10 retail.

Tony Norskog, winemaker, and Donn Berdahl, production manager, appreciate the effort of everyone in the production and distribution chain to further the experience of organic agriculture and help clean up the environment.



### 2004 Cote Zero California, Sulfite Free, Organic

This light, simple, picnic style wine lends itself both to white and red wine events. The fresh grape nose comes through even when chilled. Its backbone is Grenache with Syrah and Sangiovese added for color and body. There is even a small amount of Viognier (a floral white wine) added for the nose.



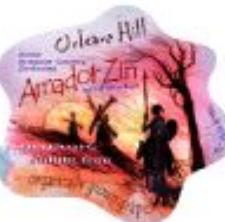
### 2004 Lodi Syrah, Sulfite Free, Organic

The 2001 of this same vineyard won "Wine of the Week" from the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, based on a blind tasting of 10 different wines from Organic Grapes, both 'Organic Wines' and 'Wines Made With Organic Grapes.' It was the least expensive and rated higher than both Bonterra Cabernet and a well-known Sonoma \$40 Zinfandel. Enough said.



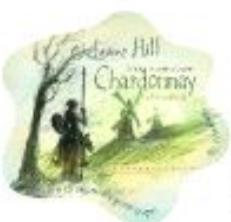
### 2004 Merlot California, Sulfite Free, Organic

A blend of Merlot from the Santa Maria (south coast) and Mendocino region (north coast), this wine was aged with a bit of American Oak. The south brought the power, the north the elegance and in this case, they both won the war.



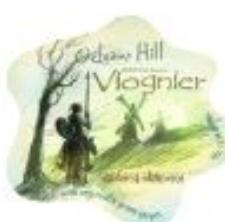
### 2004 Amador Zinfandel Sulfite Free, Organic

Selected organic grapes from the 300 acre Clockspring Vineyard, combined with a touch of French Oak deliver a medium weight, very alluring Zin. 100% Zin for purists.



### 2004 Mendocino Chardonnay Organically Grown Grapes

Chardonnay is still the top selling white wine in the USA, but not many are crafted like this one. The grapes were quite mature and the wine shows a very strong tropical fruit aroma, but we chose not to give the wine any oak exposure and finished the wine in the crisp Italian white style. This allows the wine to be very food friendly as the acidity cleans the palate between your favorite food. Plus it has a true Chardonnay aroma.



### 2005 Viognier Organically Grown Grapes

This dry, white is from a varietal little explored to date. It is the backbone of a very prestigious white from the northern Rhone valley of France and while it shares some of the same structure as Chardonnay, the nose is far more floral. A great response to the "ABC" syndrome (anything but chardonnay). Even we organic wine drinkers need a crisp white once in a while, and this is great with food.

Coming Spring 2006