

# EASTON

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## 2000 EASTON Zinfandel "Estate-Bottled" - Shenandoah Valley

This is the third release of our estate-bottled Zinfandel. The fruit originates from either of the estate Zinfandel vineyards surrounding the winery. One is the old Dickson-Miller property and the other is the Baldinelli property that was first planted in 1972. We choose the best lots. Vines are head-trained and unirrigated. The vineyard is rigorously suckered for proper cluster spacing and sun exposure to get full flavor development. The finished wines flavors are full, rich, smooth, and gutsy. The wine has huge brambly blackberry fruit, big cedar, spice box aromas and flavors. It has a smooth creamy finish from aging in François Frères and Taransaud barrels (1/3 new). 2000 was a particularly great year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our spring was cool, so fruit set was late. Harvest was dry. Hang time was long. We harvested in early-October. the wine is bottled in our EASTON "Estate" package with its distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle.

15.2 % alcohol by vol.; 3.53 pH; 7.0 gm./liter total acidity

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Suggested Retail: \$30 a bottle