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## 2001 Barbera Riserva MENDOCINO



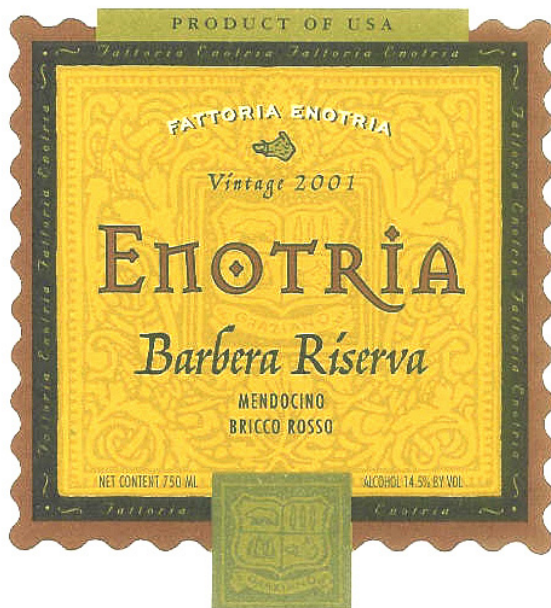
**Background:** Barbera is one of the most widely planted grape varieties in Italy, especially in Northern Italy's Piemonte district. There, and in the cool growing region of Mendocino, it produces a fruity, soft, early maturing red wine with great acidity.

**Vineyard:** This is our fourth release of Barbera Riserva. Eighty-nine percent of the grapes for this wine were grown by Lowell Stone at his Fox Mountain Vineyard which is located in the eastern foothills overlooking the Ukiah Valley. This vineyard benefits from very shallow rocky soils, good drainage and great southern exposure. The remaining 11% was grown John Young who is also located in the eastern foothills of the Ukiah Valley.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were hand-harvested at an average of 25.5 degrees brix. After crushing, the grapes were fermented in small open-top stainless steel fermentors where they remained cold for four days before inoculation and the start of fermentation. The must was punched down twice daily before being pressed off into 67% new Vosge heavy toast French oak Burgundy barrels. After aging in barrel for 36 months the wine was egg white fined and rough filtered into the bottle on September 15, 2005.

**Winemaker's Comments:** The resulting wine displays dark purplish-garnet hues with concentrated blackberry, boysenberry and plum flavors wrapped in toasty oak. This Barbera is balanced by a firm acidity and medium soft tannins which makes this wine enjoyable now or to cellar over the next decade.

**Food Pairing:** Serve with penne and sausage, grilled lamb chops or grilled gorgonzola cheeseburgers.



### Specifications:

<b>Blend:</b>	<b>100% Barbera</b>
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	<b>.75</b>
<b>pH:</b>	<b>3.38</b>
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	<b>0.4% (dry)</b>

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