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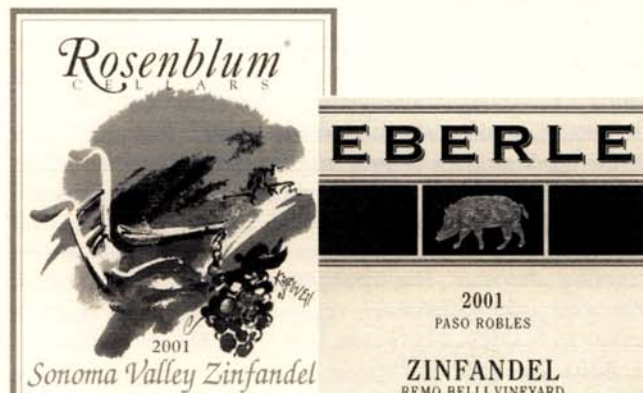
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2001 Charles Creek Vineyard, "Miradero," Sonoma County and Napa County (\$22) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, moderately intense, smoky, slightly herbaceous, red cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with notes of tobacco and green olive; medium-full body; rich, toasty, green olive and cherry flavors; lingering aftertaste. Drinkable now. **Highly recommended.** 14.2% alcohol; 1,835 cases; blended with 10% CS and 5% CF; released April 2003. (My Score: 89)

enjoyable to drink now. Very highly recommended. 15.1% alcohol; 550 cases; blended with 5% Alicante Bouschet and 3% Petite Sirah (PS); released March 2003. (Group Score: 16.5, 3/1/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], first place)

3. **2001 Rosenblum Cellars, "Lyons Vineyard,"** Napa Valley (\$38) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, intense, spicy, briary, jammy, distinctly varietal aroma with overtones of vanilla; full body; big, rich, concentrated, briary, red berry fruit flavors with overtones of creamy oak; well balanced and structured; lingering aftertaste. Shows intense, distinctly varietal character and is very enjoyable to drink now. Very highly recommended. 15.8% alcohol; 684 cases; 100% Zinfandel; released June 2003. (Group Score: 16.4, 2/1/2; My Score: 17 [92/100], second place)

4. **2001 M. Cosentino, "The Zin,"** Lodi (\$30) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, herbal, briary, spicy, jammy, wild berry fruit aroma; medium-full body; rich, sweet, very

candied, jammy, sweet berry fruit flavors; lingering aftertaste. Highly recommended. 14.1% alcohol; 5,512 cases; 100% Zinfandel; released March 2003. (Group Score: 15.9, 0/1/0; My Score: 16.5 [86/100], eighth place)

7. **2001 Wilson Winery, "Carl's Vineyard,"** Dry Creek Valley (\$25) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, herbal, slightly stemmy, briary, spicy, ripe berry fruit aroma with overtones of creamy oak; full body; big, herbal, highly extracted, jammy, very ripe blackberry fruit flavors with a hint of cola; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Highly recommended. 15.4% alcohol; 657 cases; 100% Zinfandel; released September 2003. (Group Score: 15.9, 0/1/0; My Score: 16.5 [88/100], fifth place)

8. **2001 Sapphire Hill, "Winberrie Vineyard, 96 Year-Old Vines,"** Russian River Valley (\$30) – Medium-dark to dark purplish ruby; attractive, forward, intense, peppery, briary,