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First time's charm for this red zin

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Alex Sotelo was 18 years old when he immigrated to California from Mexico he toiled in California vineyards while enrolled in College to study English. He also studied viticulture and winemaking. For 11 years, Sotelo has worked at Robert Pecota Winery and served as consulting winemaker for several producers in Napa Valley.

Now, at 31, Sotelo has released his own Napa Valley wine, the 2002 Alex Sotelo Cellars Dalraddy Vineyards Zinfandel. With lots of rich fruit flavor and a silky texture, it's superb. No place can produce zinfandel like California, and no one does a better job of making it than Sotelo. He has, indeed, found the American dream.

SERVE WITH: I like this extraordinary red with grilled steaks, barbecued ribs, pizza, hamburgers and pasta dishes containing meat or parmesan cheese.