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2009
Old Vine Zinfandel
Dry Creek, Sonoma

Varietal: 100% Dry Creek Zinfandel

Acidity: 0.74 g/100ml

pH: 3.75

Residual Sugar: Dry

Alcohol: 14.8 %

Vineyard & Flavor

This Dry Creek vineyard lies in the heart of Dry Creek. Three different Vineyard Blocks and winemaker blending is the magic behind this classic Zin. Lush richness of the valley fruit and blending in some backbone with the more tannic hillside block. The right combination pulls together like a fine meal, full rich smooth aromas with just enough backbone to deliver a long smokey finish of blackberry stone fruit. An old Italian farmer once said, "God created Dry Creek Valley so man could plant Old Vine Zin!" This is pure Dry Creek OVZ with elegance!

Winemaking

Harvest: October 12, 2009

Bottled: March 2, 2009

Cases: 245

The fruit was gently de-stemmed and tank fermented with traditional twice daily pump overs taming the tannins with splashing during fermentation. L-2226 Yeast produced a very clean fermentation retaining the integrity of the fruit with a combination of American and French Oak Barrel aging to follow. Proper balance with the quantity of new oak complimenting the fruit while not overpowering it. The result a beautiful example of Old Vine Zinfandel in a rich yet polished style.

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