

# 2008 SONOMA COUNTY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

## VITAL STATS

- 50- to 80-year-old vines prove that with Zin, older means more intense fruit flavors
- Muscular—packs a collective wallop of blackberry, black cherry, and spice
- A classic field blend of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Carignane

## WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR

Unlike many grapevines that peak at 25 or so years, Zin vines gain life experience as they age for added depth, concentration, and weight. That's especially true of Zinfandel grown in Sonoma County. With this Zin, flavors of blackberry, black cherry, cinnamon, and vanilla follow fast on the heels of super ripe berry aromas. All in all, a layered wine with a succulent center, balanced acids and tannins that build structure. Gotta have this wine with hearty meat dishes and vegetable stews.

## STICK TO THE FACTS

**The Blend:** 77% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, 8% Syrah, 5% Carignane

**Where It's From:** Sonoma County: 39% Sonoma Valley, 37% Dry Creek Valley, 21% Russian River Valley, 3% Alexander Valley

**Aging:** 18 months French Oak, 30% new

**Skin Contact:** 7–9 days of skin contact during native fermentation

**TA:** 6.3 g/L

**pH:** 3.6

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Ageability:** Great now, or wait 5–7 years if you have the will power



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