

RAVENS



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SINGLE VINEYARD  
*Designate '09*

**ICON Mixed Blacks**

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Take yourself back before Prohibition when blending produced the best wine in any year. Zinfandel for spice, ripe fruit flavors, and suppleness; Carignane for bright freshness, provided by high acidity; black pepper and tannins from Petite Sirah; and notes of blueberry and color density added by the Alicante Bouschet found mixed in many of these old vineyards. These grapes were the chosen ones of California before 1920.

Very dark, very dense. Blackberries and other black fruit aromas mingle with interesting and complicated scents of violets, forest floor, and aromatic spices. The 2009 ICON is big and suave on the palate. It is full of ripe dark fruit flavors, harmonious oak notes, and a long, rich finish with perfect acidity that adds lift and punch. This is a youthful, muscular wine that will offer rewards for many years to come.



<b>COMPOSITION</b>	34% Zinfandel, 33% Carignane, 31% Petite Sirah, 2% Mixed Blacks	<b>TA</b>	6.2 g/L
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sonoma County	<b>pH</b>	3.62
<b>AGING</b>	20 months in 100% French oak; 35% new	<b>RS</b>	0.8 g/L
<b>SKIN CONTACT</b>	10-15 days	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.9%
		<b>PRODUCTION</b>	490 cases
		<b>AGEABILITY</b>	Drink between now and 7-10 years