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SINGLE VINEYARD  
*Designate '09*

Old Hill Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Sonoma's first famous Zinfandel, made in 1862 by William Hill, was grown in this vineyard. These vines—probably Sonoma's oldest—turn out remarkable wines. Old Hill Vineyard contains 14 different varieties, but is blended to be around 75% Zinfandel. It has Rhone-like intensity.

The 2009 Old Hill is a wine that is refined, but assertive. Powerful ripe aromas of smoky cedar, vanilla, and dark chocolate are underpinned by the full fruit character of Bing cherries and black raspberries. Big, rich, and somewhat gamey on the palate, the dark fruit, cherry liquor, and spice flavors persist in a long finish enveloped in delicious vanilla and sandalwood flavors infused by the judicious use of French oak aging. This is an extremely alluring wine that is attractive now but, as most past vintages from this vineyard have demonstrated, will continue to get more interesting for many years.



<b>COMPOSITION</b>	76% Zinfandel, 24% Mixed Blacks	<b>TA</b>	5.5 g/L
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sonoma Valley	<b>pH</b>	3.67
<b>AGING</b>	20 months in 100% French oak; 30% new oak	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	15%
<b>SKIN CONTACT</b>	10-15 days	<b>PRODUCTION</b>	600 cases
		<b>AGEABILITY</b>	Drink between now and 7-10 years