

2009 SONOMA COUNTY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

VITAL STATS

- 50- to 80-year-old vines prove that, with Zin, older means more intense fruit flavors
- Well-muscled—packs a collective wallop of black cherry, blueberry, and plum
- A gutsy field blend of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Carignane, and Mixed Blacks

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: 84% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah, 6% Carignane, 2% Mixed Blacks

Where It's From: Sonoma County: 44% Dry Creek Valley, 23% Sonoma Valley, 22% Alexander Valley, 11% Russian River Valley

Aging: Small, French oak barrels

TA: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.70

Alcohol: 14.5%

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



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