

RAVENS



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SINGLE VINEYARD
Designate '09

Teldeschi Zinfandel

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The mostly old vines that make up the Teldeschi vineyard are Zinfandel, Carignane, and Petite Sirah, a *mélange* typical of older vineyard plantings in California. The three varieties are fermented separately and blended to taste. Native yeast fermentation, small open-top fermenters, manual punching down of the cap, minimal processing, and aging in small French oak cooperage all contribute to a style that brings out the best of the vineyard—power and big flavors. Teldeschi Vineyard is always the highest quality of the Zinfandel vineyards that Ravenswood crushes from the Dry Creek Valley.

In 2009, Teldeschi Zinfandel's powerful aromas of black cherries, coffee, caramel, and vanilla as well as other sweet dark fruit scents, combine to create the classic character of a great Dry Creek Benchland Zinfandel. Rich flavors of sweet cherry liqueur, vanilla, and smoke lead to a ripe, dense, long, and bright fruit finish.



COMPOSITION	77% Zinfandel, 14% Petite Sirah, 9% Carignane	TA	6.7 g/L
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley	pH	3.46
AGING	20 months in 100% French oak; 35% new oak	ALCOHOL	14.8%
SKIN CONTACT	10–15 days	PRODUCTION	1,400 cases
		AGEABILITY	Drink between now and 7–10 years