

RAVENSWOOD ICON MIXED BLACKS

In the early 1850's the first significant vineyards were planted in Sonoma. Over the next half century, the components of "California claret" were narrowed to four distinct varieties—Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Carignane, and Alicante Bouschet—each demonstrating extraordinary quality. Ravenswood's ICON is a revival of this traditional native Sonoma Mixed Blacks blend produced from old, low-production vineyards planted before Prohibition, and is a tribute to Sonoma County's incredible ancient vines.

FLAVOR PROFILE: The 2011 ICON is very dark and dense. It is fully aromatic with sweet black fruit scents, Bing cherries, and plums, accented by toast, vanilla, dark chocolate, espresso, and black pepper. It is big and rich on the palate, with dark fruit flavors, subtle harmonious oak notes, and a long, structured finish. Built for the ages, this wine has classic Sonoma Mixed Blacks flavors. There is nothing else like it in the world.



APPELLATION: Sonoma County

COMPOSITION: 47% Carignane, 26% Zinfandel, 22% Petite Sirah, 5% Alicante Bouschet

VINEYARDS : 45% Bedrock, 17% Teldeschi, 13% Big River, 10% Chauvet, 10% Angeli, 3% Ravenswood Estate, 2% Old Hill

FERMENTATION: 100% native yeast. Fermented separately in small open-top fermenters, manual punchdowns, 8 days skin contact

AGING: 19 months in French oak barrels, 40% new

TA: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.61

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PRODUCTION: 600 cases

AGEABILITY: Drink between now and 10–15 years

