RAVENSWOOD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

COUNTY SERIES

2011 SONOMA COUNTY

VITAL STATS

- 50- to 100-year-old vines prove that, with Zin, older means intense fruit flavors
- Well-muscled—packs powerful aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and plum
- A concentrated field blend of Zinfandel, Carignane, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Mixed Blacks

THE APPELLATION

Sonoma County Zinfandel is subject to marine winds from the Pacific Ocean and early afternoon fog. The soils are typically a Tuscan red hill cobbly loam with a high water-holding capacity that allows the vines to be dry-farmed. Low yields and slow ripening lead to dense and structured wines of exceptional quality.

WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR

Our Sonoma County Zin is dense and powerful with a gutsy wallop of blackberry and black cherry, natural vanilla, and baking spice flavors, with an elegantly layered and succulent mouthfeel.

PAIR IT UP

Spare ribs, beef braised in red wine, and leg of lamb

STICK TO THE FACTS

The Blend: 78% Zinfandel, 11% Carignane, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Syrah, 3% Mixed Blacks

Appellations: 35% Dry Creek Valley, 32% Sonoma Valley, 23% Russian River Valley,

10% Alexander Valley

Fermentation: Native yeast fermentation, 5–8 days skin contact

Aging: 18 months in French oak barrels, 30% new

TA: 6.5 g/L **pH:** 3.60

Alcohol: 14.5%

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

