



Rancho Zabaco 2007 Sonoma County Zinfandel Heritage Vines

Rancho Zabaco, one of the original Mexican land grants in Northern Sonoma, crosses over portions of Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley - the area from which our grapes are sourced.

Description

The 2007 vintage of Sonoma Heritage Vines delivers an abundance of black fruits and spice, demonstrating the classic and distinctive characteristics of Zinfandel. The soft, plummy, and jammy flavors and textures make this wine not only approachable, but also versatile, allowing it to be paired with a wide range of foods.

Viticulture Notes

The 2007 Sonoma County harvest was smaller than normal; however, the fruit quality was exceptionally high. There was little winter rainfall which affected both the size and the timing of the 2007 vintage. This caused an early bud break in spring and although the harvest commenced in mid August, the growing season was still long enough to fully and evenly ripen the berries. The berry size was smaller than average, thus affecting the cluster weight, which resulted in highly concentrated fruit. The sunny weather and warm temperatures throughout the summer until mid August permitted the grapes to evenly develop both sugars and flavors.

Winemaking Notes

The fruits for the 2007 Sonoma Heritage Vines Zinfandel come predominately from Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. The grapes were de-stemmed, and not crushed resulting in 20%-30% whole berry fermentation. Partial whole berry fermentation minimizes the possibility of extracting harsh, bitter tannins from the grape skins and seeds, resulting in concentrated, fresh, and forward raspberry-like flavors in the finished wine. To add color and complexity, the grapes were cold soaked for one to two days and followed by a four to six day fermentation period with temperatures kept at a maximum temperature of 88°F. Six days of skin contact contributed to a deep ruby color that visually hints at the ripe fruit flavors of the wine. All of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acids, and the wine was filtered but not fined.

Varietal Content: 90.4% Zinfandel, 6.1% Petite Sirah, 2.5% Syrah

Titrateable Acidity: 0.61g/100ml

pH: 3.64

Alcohol Level: 14.8%

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