Writer's Block

2012 ZINFANDEL

VINEYARDS


SEASON

2012 WAS A VERY GOOD GROWING SEASON WITH HARDLY ANY RAIN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND HARVEST. A BEAUTIFUL SPRING AND SUMMER WERE PUNCTUATED BY LATE SEASON HEAT SPIKES. THE HEAT SPIKES RIPENED THE GRAPES WITH GREAT ACIDIC BALANCE. HARVEST CONDITIONS WERE IDEAL AND THE CONDITIONS PRODUCED QUALITY AND FOCUSED WINES.

WINE STYLES AND TASTING NOTES

SOMEWHERE IN THAT BALANCE BETWEEN COOL AND HOT CLIMATE ZINFANDEL, THIS WINE HAS BOTH A FRESH AND VIBRANT ASPECT, AS WELL AS SOME RICHNESS, RIPENESS, AND DEPTH OF FLAVOR. RED AND DARK BERRY FRUIT COMBINES WITH SUBTLE OAK, MINTY HERBAL COMPLEXITIES ALONG WITH A TOUCH OF EARTHINESS. A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PETITE SIRAH IS BLENDED INTO THIS WINE AS A TRADITIONAL MEASURE FOR STRUCTURE.

FOOD PAIRING

THE FLAVORS OF THIS ZINFANDEL ARE BOLD AND SUPPLE. THIS WINE PAIRS WELL WITH GRILLED MEATS. OUR FAVORITE DISHES TEND TO BE SOUTHERN ITALIAN AND MEDITERRANEAN DISHES.

APPELLATION LAKE COUNTY HARVEST DATES OCTOBER 8TH, 2012 ALCOHOL 15.2% BRIX AVERAGE 26.5 FERMENTATION 21 DAYS AT 82 F PH 3.68 TA 0.63G/100ML BARREL AGING 12 MONTHS IN FRENCH, AMERICAN, AND HUNGARIAN OAK 25% NEW OAK VINE AGE AVG. AVG. 15 YEARS YIELDS 3-4 TONS PER ACRE RESIDUAL SUGAR DRY CASE PRODUCTION 1200 CASES BLEND 81% ZINFANDEL 8% SYRAH 6% MALBEC 6% PETITE-SIRAH

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