

2010 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL – SONOMA COUNTY



2009 Vintage

**87 Points - BEST OF THE WEST
FOR \$25 OR LESS**
Wine Spectator Magazine

2008 Vintage

★★★ - THREE STARS
Decanter Magazine

88 Points
Wine Spectator Magazine



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HISTORY

This wine was first released in 1997 as Heritage Clone Zinfandel. Using old vine budwood grafted into a new vineyard, the Heritage bottling represents the best of a young vine Zin with distinctive old vine characters.

GROWING SEASON

The 2010 vintage may go down as one of the more difficult, challenging vintages of the last decade. With varied growing conditions, it was incredibly important to stay on top of the vineyard ensuring that the canopy was well managed. Late spring rains, a cool summer and then several heat spikes before and during harvest added to the challenge. However, our winemaking and vineyard team really came through, keeping a cool head and bringing in fruit that achieved full ripeness, flavor and balance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2010 vintage of Heritage Zinfandel presents an excellent cool vintage aroma profile of blueberry, red currants, earthy dustiness and mineral nuances. The low alcohol nature of this wine shines through immediately with silky smooth tannins and a firm grip of natural acidity and balance. The fruit is substantial with layers of black cherry, mixed berries, currants and allspice. This Zinfandel is superbly balanced and satisfying, repeating the earthy, mixed berry theme while also carrying forward subtler hints of white and black pepper. The finish lingers on creating a mouth-watering desire for another sip.

RELEASE DATE	December 2012
BLEND	88% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
HARVEST DATES	September–October 2010
ALCOHOL	13.5%
BRIX	Average 24.8
FERMENTATION	Average 18 days in stainless steel fermenters; pumped over twice daily during fermentation.
PH	3.75
TA	0.6g/100mL
BARREL AGING	14 months in French, American and Hungarian oak; 15% new oak
SOILS	Varies with a combination of gravelly loam and clay loam on rolling hills to steep hillsides.
VINE AGE	All vines are 14 years or older, some as old as 75 years
YIELDS	Averages 3 to 6 tons per acre