



RANCHO ZABACO®

Rancho Zabaco® 2010 Sonoma Heritage Vines Zinfandel

Crafted in the heart of Sonoma County's "Zin Zone," Rancho Zabaco wines showcase the decadent flavor characteristics of some of Sonoma's most sought after vineyards. Named for an historic Mexican land grant, Rancho Zabaco wines are an authentic expression of a special place and time in Sonoma's history.

Description

Our 2010 Sonoma Heritage Vines Zinfandel captures jammy blackberry and spicy black pepper flavors, demonstrating the classic and distinctive characteristics of Zinfandel. With caramelized flavors and toasty notes complementing the dark, rich fruit flavors and approachable mouthfeel, this wine is a versatile partner to a wide range of foods.

Viticultural Notes:

The 2010 growing season in Sonoma County is considered by many the most challenging in generations. The season started with record-breaking low temperatures in the spring, which led to a late budbreak. May brought twenty days of rain which doubled the historic average. The summer season started cool, with plenty of fog and cloud cover but by late August, the sun and heat waves hit before and after harvest. Yields were down, but despite the hardship, the quality has proven to be great. Cool climate varieties fared particularly well this vintage, with exceptional brightness and acidity present in the grapes.

Winemaking Notes:

Our Zinfandel grapes were destemmed, but not crushed. This technique minimized the extraction of harsh, bitter tannins from grape skins and seeds, resulting in concentrated, fresh raspberry flavors in the finished wine. To enhance color and flavor, the grapes were cold soaked for one day at 60°F, followed by four to six days of fermentation at a maximum temperature of 88°F. Five to seven days of skin contact contributed to a deep ruby color that visually hints at the ripe fruit flavors of the wine. After primary fermentation was complete, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acids and tannins. The wine was aged on its lees to enhance the mouthfeel and then was filtered prior to bottling.

Finished Wine:

Appellation:	Sonoma County
Varietal Content:	93% Zinfandel, 7% Petite Sirah
Titrateable Acidity:	0.58g/100ml
Residual Sugar:	0.33 g/100ml
pH:	3.71
Alcohol Content:	14.88%