

2009

Pauline's vineyard

Dry Creek Valley

ZINFANDEL

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

The Pauline's Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley is fast becoming one of our customers favorites. The Dry Creek Valley is known for its' Zinfandel and this wine won't disappoint you.

The Pauline's Vineyard is and extension of the relationship we have with Randy Peters of the Peters Vineyard. Owned by Randy's Dad and named for his mother, Randy manages this vineyard with the same love and skill as he does the Peters Vineyard. The vineyard is located right across the street from our winery location, so we're able to keep a pretty close eye on those grapes!

We use many of the same techniques with our Zinfandel as with our Pinot Noir. We cold-soak the grapes for three days and once the fermentation begins we hand punch the grapes in open-top fermenters, a method not commonly used with Zinfandel. The wine was then aged for 15 months in Francois Frères oak barrels. We always keep the grapes separate throughout the process so we can make blending decisions after the grapes have evolved independently. Because we make our Zinfandel using the same techniques as our Pinot Noir, our Zin really appeals to the Pinot lover.

We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor!

Salute!

## **TASTING NOTES**

Wild berry and underbrush aromas lead to ripe, appealingly rustic flavors of raspberry, cracked pepper and toasty anise. Tannins sneak in on the finish. Drink now through 2017. 399 cases made.

BenR. Capapieho

## **WINE PROFILE**

Varietal: 100% Zinfandel

**Appellation**: Dry Creek Valley

Harvest Dates: September 21,2009

**Brix at Harvest: 24.7°** 

Alcohol: 15%

**T.A.:** . .534g/100 ml

**pH**: 3.58

Residual Sugar: Dry

Cooperage: 15 Months in

Francois Frères
French oak, mix of
2-3 year old

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**Bottled:** Feb. 02, 2011

**Production:** 380 cases

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