



Jeff Runquist Wines

2008 "Z" ZINFANDEL, Massoni Ranch, Amador County



The 2008 edition of our "Z" Zinfandel is a bit of a departure from previous vintages. Unfortunately the Massoni Ranch, the source of the grapes for the "Z" Zinfandel, is not immune to the scourge of Phylloxera. Jim and Sue Fox, the growers, have had to manage this pest and have done a tremendous job. As vineyards succumb, Jim and Sue would replant and, in 2008, the majority of the wine we made came from the twenty five year- old vines in the vineyard block they call the "Sea of Grapes". I have been watching the development of these vines for over a decade, and it was finally time to give them a try. I am more than pleased with the result. The depth and intensity of the 2008 wine makes it one of the most robust we have produced from the vineyards of the Massoni Ranch.

The 2008 vintage has the deepest color in years. The hues are purple-carmine. The aroma is deep and brooding with ripe concentrated black fruits, cassis with a bit of perfumed lavender. The bouquet is that of smoky oak, chocolate with hints of pie crust. Big ripe black raspberry and plum flavors dominate along with nuances of mocha and dark chocolate. Despite the density of color and depth of flavor, the tannins remain restrained and the texture of the wine is supple and voluptuous.

Varietal Composition: 100% Zinfandel

14.3% Alc. 0.69 g/100ml TA 3.47 pH

Oak Regime: 53% American Oak 47% French Oak

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