



Jeff Runquist Wines

2009 "Z" ZINFANDEL, Massoni Ranch, Amador County



The evolution of the "Z" Zinfandel continues with the 2009 vintage. In 2008, we introduced grapes from a younger and, quite frankly, healthier portion of the Massoni Ranch. With the 2009 vintage, we continued to utilize the "Sea of Grapes" block but have also included 8% Petite Sirah to the blend. The Petite Sirah also comes from the "Sea of Grapes" and adds a deeper dimension to the Zinfandel's color, as well as augmenting the wine's structure. The soft supple nature of the "Z" Zinfandel remains its trademark, and the 2009 wine delivers the rich, full, complex flavors on a texture closer to that of Pinot Noir than an Amador County Zinfandel

The 2009 wine has a purple-carmine color of medium depth. The hues are youthful and bright. The aroma delivers classic Zinfandel fruit of red raspberry, black currant, and plums, with an added note of flint and mineral. The bouquet may be a bit more subtle than in the past, with notes of hazelnut, vanilla, and mocha. The flavors are of ripe succulent red fruits, with a creamy toasty oak overlay. The velvety finish comes from a complex blend of fruit and oak tannins that brings to mind the word voluptuous.

Varietal Composition: 92% Zinfandel 8% Petite Sirah

14.6% Alc. 0.69 g/100ml TA 3.47 pH

Oak Regime: 50% American Oak 50% French Oak

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