

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

ZINFANDEL

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76% ZINFANDEL • 12% PETITE SYRAH
7% BARBERA • 5% SYRAH

GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.9% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

OCTOBER 7, 2012

BLEND:

76% ZINFANDEL

12% PETITE SYRAH

7% BARBERA

5% SYRAH

ACIDITY:

0.59 g / 100 ml

pH: 3.64

ALCOHOL: 14.9 %

AGING:

11 MONTHS

FRENCH OAK

25% NEW

CASES: 1035

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VARIETAL/VINEYARD: This Zinfandel comes primarily from our Primitivo-clone vineyard planted next to the winery. We favor the Primitivo-clone because it tends to produce berries that are smaller and with thicker skins, versus typical California Zinfandel selections. This leads to a richer wine with more tannin, which is characteristic of old-vine Zin. We clip the wing bunch off all of our Zinfandel vines to help minimize bunch rot and to concentrate flavors.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: 2012, along with 2007 and 1997 was one of the finest vintages in our history. 2012 featured a long growing season with moderate weather, which resulted in ripe fruit, which avoided pruny aromas and flavors. We harvested our Zinfandel vineyard on October 7th at 25.5 brix, which is now becoming our sweet spot for Zinfandel; straddling a fine line having ripe fruit but with moderate alcohol.

VINIFICATION: The grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed into stainless steel tanks. Fermentation started naturally without inoculation after a week of soaking. We use a device called a “turbopigeur” to pump-over the juice. A turbopigeur is a tube with a powered screw inside that moves a large volume of juice from underneath to above the cap and effectively mixes it with the juice, not unlike a punch-down. Upon dryness, the pomace is basket-pressed, blended with free run wine and transferred to French oak barrels. We blended Petite Sirah and Syrah for color stability and tannic structure. As usual, we blended a small amount of Barbera for acidity.

STYLE: This 2012 Zinfandel is reminiscent of our 2007 Zin. It is dark and full-bodied, yet has freshness and bright acidity—that we feel is classic Dry Creek Zinfandel. Much like a full-bodied Chianti, this Zinfandel is quite versatile due to its balance. It should hold up well for 3 to 5 years, but you know how I feel about Zin—just drink it now baby. - MU