



2008 Station Ten Russian River Valley

The Vineyards:

The Russian River Valley is an appellation that offers vintners many blending opportunities. Hook & Ladder's oldest vineyards thrive in the cooler section of our land just west of Santa Rosa. Here the morning fog gently blankets our 100-year old vines and allows the pre-prohibition Zinfandel, Petite Syrah, Carignane and Alicante Bouschet to ripen to full maturity.

The Winemaking:

With Station 10 we envisioned a bold, fruit forward, well-structured Zinfandel blend that would pair well with a myriad of dishes. To achieve this we picked grapes from our oldest Zinfandel vines and a small amount of old vine Carignane and Alicante Bouschet from the same vineyard. These were combined with our Petite Syrah to enhance the berry and spice profile of the blend. The varietals were aged separately in European and American oak for over a year before blending and bottling.

The Wine:

Our deep ruby pomegranate colored Zin blend displays aromas of vanilla spice, black-berry cobbler, raspberry jam and plum with a hint of leather that lead to spicy flavors of mixed berries and vanilla. This wine has good acidity in the mid palate with a nice touch of oak and tannins in the long raspberry and strawberry finish. Try this versatile Zinfandel blend with any red meat on the grill or tomato heavy pasta.

Technical Information:

Blend: 68% Zinfandel 21% Petite Syrah 9% Carignane 2% Alicante Bouschet

Harvested: October 2nd - 17th, 2008

Alcohol %: 14.5 **pH:** 3.88 **Total Acidity:** .62 **Case Production:** 2,300

Release Date: Jan, 2011

Suggested Retail Price: \$17

Winemaker: Jason De Loach

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