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## 2009 Zinfandel Russian River Valley

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### **The Vineyards:**

Our Zinfandel is grown in the heart of the Russian River Valley, an area known for producing outstanding Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, and Chardonnay. Coastal fog blankets our fruit almost every morning and evening which allows our Zinfandel to develop its deep character. Virtually all (90%) of this Zin is made from 100 plus year-old vines from our Saitone vineyards, planted in 1895.

### **The Winemaking:**

We fermented our Zinfandel on the skins to extract the dark violet color and express the rich qualities this fruit has to offer. After being pressed, the wine was aged in American Oak barrels for approximately 20 months. Only 22 barrels were individually selected by the winemaking team to create the finest Zinfandel for the 2009 vintage.

### **The Wine:**

This brick-red, cherry-garnet Zinfandel displays aromas of bramble, black currant, and a hint of cedar. The bouquet is complemented by a full mouth of red raspberry, cinnamon-spice, and bright cranberry flavors with a long cherry finish. This multilayered and complex wine is rich and full; a fine representation of Zin from the Russian River Valley that wonderfully compliments anything off the grill and has amazing aging potential.

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### **Technical Information:**

**Harvested:** October 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**Alcohol %:** 14.5    **pH:** 3.16    **Total Acidity:** .79    **Case Production:** 502

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**Release Date:** Winter 2011    **Suggested Retail Price:** \$22

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