

2008 Old Vine Zinfandel, Brignoli Vineyard



J. Rickards Winery is Celebrating the Century Mark of our old 1908 vineyard with the release of the vineyards 100th vintage: 2008 Old Vine Zinfandel!

ABOUT THE WINE

Our Brignoli Vineyard is an old style field-blend of 80% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, 5% Carignane, 4% Mataro and a 1% smattering of Alicante Bouchet, Muscat Canelli and Golden Chasselas. In those days nobody sold grapes (because they are perishable), they sold wine in barrels. All old vine vineyards are field-blends, because the winegrower planted their own signature blend of grape varieties to be harvested and fermented together. Every grape grower was a winemaker too and thus known for his signature wine blend.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2008 Old Vine Zinfandel has the classic Alexander Valley aromas and flavors of intense spiciness and ripe blackberry, raspberry and plum fruit with finely integrated tannins, which carry through the dense mouthfeel and long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest Dates: September 13, 2008.

Sugar at Harvest: 24.4° Brix

pH: 3.75

Release Date: November, 2010

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.63

Total Production: 350 cases

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Gold Medal – 2011 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Silver Medal – 2010 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

ABOUT THE VINES

In 1908, the Brignoli family planted the 4.2 acre block that is now our Old Vine Zinfandel vineyard. Old vineyards can be challenging to farm. Back in those days, vineyards were planted to be cultivated by horses and mules, so the vines are narrowly spaced, making it difficult to work with our modern day tractors. Another challenge is that the vineyard is planted on a fairly steep hillside, covered with thin rocky soil, which limits the yield to only 2 - 3 tons of grapes per acre from this venerable vineyard annually. But what grapes they are – grapes of top quality, with intense varietal flavors characteristic of the Alexander Valley that translate into a fantastic wine!



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