

## 2008 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL – DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

First coined by winery founder David Stare in 1986, the phrase “Old Vine” has special meaning to our family. We define an old vine vineyard as being more than 50 years in age. In the case of our Old Vine Zinfandel, the vines for this bottling are more than 85 years in age and in some cases, more than 110 years in age! Old vine vineyards remain the most prized and historic of all plantings in the Dry Creek Valley.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2008 growing season was marked by a frosty March followed by a rainy, windy April. This moderated the crop levels. A warm, dry summer and fall allowed the fruit to ripen early and completely. Quality was very good across the board.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Some of the best old vine Zinfandel vineyards from the Dry Creek Valley make up the majority of this incredible wine. These ancient vineyards, averaging 90 – 120 years in age, provide exceptional fruit and it’s truly evident when drinking this complex Zinfandel. Dark blackberries, boysenberry, and plum are spiced up with tobacco, cocoa dust, and volcanic ash with finely ground black pepper on the nose. The palate is filled with explosive fruit and an earthy finish. This voluptuous wine envelops your entire mouth with its lushness, acidity, and refined tannins. This is truly a Zin-lover’s wine and will not disappoint!

**92 Points – EDITORS’ CHOICE**  
*Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

**89 Points – BEST BUY**  
*Wine & Spirits Magazine*

2007 Vintage

**“A Mario Batali Selection”**  
*New York Times*

**90 Points**  
*Wine Enthusiast Magazine*



RELEASE DATE	January 2012
BLEND	91% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 1 - 25, 2008
ALCOHOL	14.5%
BRIX	Average 27.1
FERMENTATION	Average of 20 days, pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French, American and Hungarian oak; 60% new oak
PH	3.83
TA	.58g/100mL
SOILS	Hillside vineyards, mixed gravelly soil. Decomposed granite in certain areas.
VINE AGE	Average age is 85 years
YIELDS	Less than 2 tons per acre