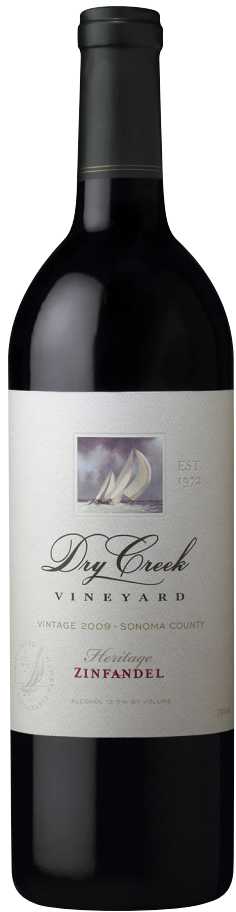


## 2009 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL – SONOMA COUNTY



2008 Vintage

★★★★ – FOUR STARS  
*The Press Democrat*

89 Points – ONE STAR  
*Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*



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### HISTORY

This wine was first released in 1997 as Heritage Clone Zinfandel. Using old vine budwood grafted into a new vineyard, the Heritage bottling represents the best of a young vine Zin with distinctive old vine characters.

### GROWING SEASON

2009 was a near perfect growing season, with the only blip a minor shortage of water from light winter rains. Growing conditions were ideal with bud break and bloom happening normally. Summer temperatures were moderate with minimal heat spikes. Harvest conditions were superb and by the time the rains came in early October most of our fruit was in the barn.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Beautifully balanced and elegant, the 2009 vintage of Heritage Zinfandel exudes the distinctive jammy characters of our world famous growing region. At first swirl, aromas of raspberry and red berry immediately leap from the glass. On the palate, the wine exhibits denser elements of blackberry, anise and pepper. The combination of cooler Russian River and warmer Dry Creek Valley fruit is on display, finishing with a smooth and balanced finish. At only 13.5% alcohol, this is a sophisticated Zinfandel with old world character and charm.

RELEASE DATE	June 2011
BLEND	87% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
HARVEST DATES	September-October 2009
ALCOHOL	13.5%
BRIX	Average 25.6
FERMENTATION	Average 18 days in stainless steel fermenters, pumped over twice daily during fermentation.
PH	3.73
TA	.55g/100mL
BARREL AGING	10 months in American and French oak, 40% new oak
SOILS	Varies with a combination of gravelly loam and clay loam on rolling hills to steep hillsides.
VINE AGE	Varies from 7 to 19 years
YIELDS	Averages 3 to 6 tons per acre