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SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

Meadowbrook Ranch Vineyard

ZINFANDEL
TEHAMA COUNTY

v. 2015

VINEYARDS

This is our fourth release of our Meadowbrook Ranch Zinfandel. At an elevation of 1,800 ft in the foothills of the very southern end of the Cascade Mountain range lies an oasis. The surrounding countryside is made of red volcanic rock but the small bowl, where this zin is grown, is green with growth. A nearby spring separates this area from the surrounds and provides a spectacular and unusual location to grow our zin. Hot days and very cool nights create zin grapes of amazing depth and fruit intensity.



FERMENTATION & AGING

The grapes were harvested at high natural sugar levels and treated gently in the cellar to emphasize the explosive fruit characteristics. The fruit was almost entirely destemmed and lightly crushed, with a large proportion of whole berries remaining in the must. Fermentation occurred at moderate temperatures in stainless steel tanks, using a selection of cultured yeast. After 10 days of gentle "pump-overs" and near dryness, we drained and pressed the wine from its skins. Our Meadowbrook Ranch Zinfandel was minimally handled before being put down to barrel and was aged for 14 months in 40% new medium-dark toasted French oak before bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is a blockbuster of a Zinfandel with great tannin and fruit that demonstrates this region is great for growing Zinfandel. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

FOOD PAIRING

Serve with big flavorful foods like blackened tuna, spicy ribs or a pizza.

TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest Date: August 18
Alcohol: 15.0%
Brix at Harvest: 25°
Total Acidity:65g/100ml
Final pH: 3.63
Residual Sugar: 0.07%
Oak Aging: 14 Months

