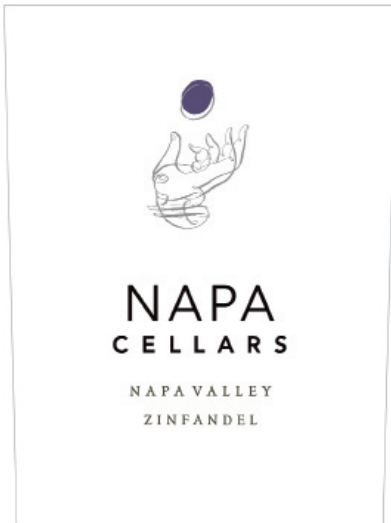




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2009  
NAPA VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL



VINEYARD

The majority of the fruit for this wine was sourced from the warmer regions of Napa Valley, including St. Helena, Oakville, and Calistoga. Zinfandel is not nearly as ubiquitous as Cabernet Sauvignon in the Napa Valley and makes up just 2% of total Napa Valley acreage.

WINEMAKING

After a three day cold soak designed to extract color from the skins, the grapes for the 2009 Zinfandel were pressed early to avoid extracting harsh tannins. After a five to seven day maceration, the lots were aged in French and American oak, 10% new, for 14 months. This limited amount of new oak helped preserve the big Zinfandel flavors while still imparting warm, spicy characteristics.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"This Napa Valley Zinfandel opens with notes of strawberry and fresh-baked rhubarb pie. Jammy with toast and spice, the aromas lead to juicy ripe berry flavors with a long fruit finish that is rich with dried cherry, light black pepper and toasty notes. The wine has firm tannins and a smooth medium-body that rounds out the balanced palate." –Joe Shirley

WINE INFORMATION		
Composition: <i>88% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah</i>		
Oak: <i>14 months, French and American oak (10% new)</i>		
Alcohol: <i>14.7%</i>	T.A.: <i>0.63g/100ml</i>	pH: <i>3.62</i>
Harvest Date: <i>September 14-October 23, 2009</i>		Release Date: <i>July 20-11</i>
Cases: <i>11,000</i>		