



2012 Old Vine Zinfandel Chalk Hill, Russian River Valley

Vineyards:

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Amato Vineyard

Clone: St. Peters Church Clone

Harvest:

Date: 10/29/2012

Brix: 26.0

The Wine:

100% Zinfandel

Alcohol: 14.5

pH: 3.56

Total Acidity: 6.9 g/L

Maceration Time: 14 days

Cooperage: 20% New American oak,
Radoux, Pennsylvania, Medium Plus Toast

Production: 120 Cases

For our 2012 Old Vine Zinfandel, we found a vineyard on the western end of the Chalk Hill AVA. The weather and soil in this area share characteristics of both Chalk Hill and Russian River Valley, making for a very complex and concentrated wine. On the nose, the wine shows aromas of violets, blue raspberry, eucalyptus, medicinal herbs and oak. With a hint of menthol on the front end of the palate, the wine coats the mouth with bright acidity, raspberry and blackberry flavors. Still young, the wine finishes with strong tannins and some lingering berry flavors. With 12 months of barrel aging left for this wine, we expect it to mature into a beautiful cooler-region Zinfandel. Although this wine needs a little bit of time to mature, the berry flavors will be retained the best in the first couple of years after bottling so we wouldn't suggest aging it for too long.

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