

## 2007 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL- DRY CREEK VALLEY



**95 Points - EDITORS' CHOICE**  
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2006 Vintage

**90 Points**  
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**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
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### HISTORY

Planted in 1882, the Beeson Ranch is one of Dry Creek Valley's oldest and most prized vineyards. Located along West Dry Creek Road, the Beeson Ranch faces east and extends up several gentle hillsides to a forest of conifer trees. The old gnarled vines, first planted by Italian immigrants, provide us with some of our most intriguing Zinfandel grapes. This incredible vineyard is truly a labor of love and stands as a testament to the character and history that makes Dry Creek Valley a special place to live and raise grapes.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2007 vintage will go down as perhaps one of the finest vintages in the past 20 years. A near perfect set in the vineyard was followed by superb growing conditions in the early and late spring months. The weather remained warm and dry during the growing and harvest seasons, with moderate temperatures, allowing the grapes to achieve full maturity and flavor potential.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

At first swirl, Beeson Ranch Zinfandel appears to be a subtle wine with underlying dried floral and pepper elements. However, several minutes in the glass bring forward dramatic aromas of white pepper, cardamom and blackberry characters. On the palate, supple tannins mingle with dark cherry, blueberry and chocolate undertones. The finish is long and pure with expressive Zinfandel characters. A dramatic wine from special place.

RELEASE DATE	August 2010
BLEND	97% Zinfandel, 3% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 12 – 15, 2007
ALCOHOL	14.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.10% (Dry)
FERMENTATION	Fermented 20 days at 85°F.
BARREL AGING	17 months in 100% French oak, 40% new
pH	3.80
TA	.57g/100mL
SOILS	Iron rich, reddish soils
VINE AGE	100+ year old vines
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre