

## 2008 BEESON RANCH ZINFANDEL- DRY CREEK VALLEY



2007 Vintage

**95 Points - EDITORS' CHOICE**  
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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 2008 vintage began with heavy rains in November and December. However, by February, Mother Nature had turned off the rain spigot. Several consecutive weeks of frost in March were followed by heavy winds in mid-April, with fires consuming the area in late June. And while, not the most ideal conditions, our winemaking team was able to manage and navigate this very tricky vintage.

### 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

RELEASE DATE	August 2011
BLEND	95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 8, 2008
ALCOHOL	14.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.10% (Dry)
FERMENTATION	Fermented 20 days at 85°F, pumped twice daily.
BARREL AGING	17 months in 100% French oak, 40% new
pH	3.89
TA	.54g/100mL
SOILS	Iron rich, reddish soils
VINE AGE	100+ year old vines
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre