

2009 ZINFANDEL
50 YEAR OLD VINE

XYZIN

XYZin wines explore the relationship of vine age to taste profile. XYZin 50 comes from Zinfandel vines that were at least 50 years of age at the time of harvest. At XYZin we believe that the history of a vineyard is as much a part of the terroir as are climate, soil, clones and the age of its vines. XYZin Vine Age Series wines offer a tabletop exploration of California's unique Zinfandel heritage.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

XYZin 50 comes from vines that were at last 50 years of age at the time of harvest. Fifty year old vines show a delightful blend of traditional and 'modern' growing techniques. Many old clones still thrive from this time period alongside newer, 'bred' clones.

XYZin 50 shows the best of the new and old. This wine gives a nod to tradition, while turning an eye toward the future. XYZin 50 exhibits bright fruit balanced by an elegant weight, elusive spice, confident regional character and stylish oak.

THE WINE

The Russian River Valley is home to many traditionally farmed Zinfandel vineyards that were planted in the 1950's and 1960's. These head-trained vines stand distinctly in a landscape of trellised acreage, a counterpoint of tradition in a sea of modernity. We are fortunate to have access to these legendary vines. The cool breezes and foggy mornings in the region enhance the spice elements inherent in the Zinfandel grape resulting in wines that display attractive racy fruit with a refined spice dimension. XYZin 50 shows plush, bramble berry fruit and crème brûlée on the nose and a juicy palate swirling with blueberry, raspberry, and black currant. The background spice notes are reminiscent of sandalwood and Darjeeling tea that meld well with the cocoa-like tannins. Our claret style of Zinfandel is crafted to complement food and will be best enjoyed over a relaxing meal. Pair XYZin 50 with herb-roasted chicken stuffed with dried cherries, traditional spinach salad served with hearty toasted brown bread, braised tofu medallions, or simple flatbreads topped with caramelized onions, blue cheese and pear.

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GRAPE VARIETY
Zinfandel

MINIMUM VINE AGE
50 Years

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE
\$29.99

CASES PRODUCED
1,267 cases (9L)

MATURATION
Aged 15 months in French Oak

RELEASE DATE
Spring 2011

ALCOHOL	PH	TA
14.2%	3.7	6.3