



2009 Dark Horse Zinfandel

Dry Creek Valley "Treborce Vineyard"



Vineyards

Zinfandel is the premier grape of Dry Creek Valley and Treborce Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards located there. Owners Bob and Joyce Littell spare no time or expense in producing the highest quality grapes possible. Situated high on the bench on the north side of the valley, they benefit from being above the frost zone and experience ultimate sun exposure. Being high as they are means their vines never get their feet wet.

Winemaking

The grapes were picked at optimum ripeness and flavor, approximately 27.0 brix. After fermentation the must was given extended maceration for 14 days to extract more flavors and soften the tannins. The wine was aged 50% new American oak with the balance in 2-3 year old barrels.

Tasting Notes

Throw your lasso around this one! It won't last long. You'll need a header and a heeler to stop this bold Zinfandel. Rich with jammy black cherry and currant, intense wild berry, smoke and licorice. It has cinnamon and clove aromas followed by both white and cracked black pepper. Take it to the barbeque and watch it be gone in 8 seconds.

Technical Analysis

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley
Varietal Composition: 94% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah
Harvest Date: October 22nd, 2009
Alcohol: 15.4%
Cases : 700:

