



2009 Vintage Notes

Mother Nature was kind to the farmers in 2009 – a gentle, steady long season that gave the vines plenty of time to fully mature their fruit. It was an exciting year to develop our Shake Ridge Red as an example of how blending varietals together can give you the opportunity to focus on each wine’s highlights and yet let them all work together in harmony.

And just like a conductor of a jazz trio, we decide each year what ‘notes’ to bring together in the blend. We choose three to four varietals that ‘hit’ all the spectrums of flavors and aromas. For 2009, well before harvest, we decided to let Zinfandel be the star, in symphony with the high playful notes of Grenache and the serious tenor of Mourvedre, and realizing they would need the terrific bass player Petite Sirah. After fermentation our ‘tweaking’ session resulted in bringing in the jazzy notes of Malbec and the bright lift of Graciano.

The wine took four years ‘practicing their harmony’ in the bottle before being ready for their stage debut. And here it is – a sumptuous package showing all the elements of Shake Ridge Vineyards in one beautiful melody. Enjoy!

The Details

Components: 36% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah,
15% Graciano, 14% Grenache,
12% Mourvedre, 8% Malbec

Vineyard Planted: 2003, 5 x 8 spacing

Harvest Dates: Zinfandel – Oct 5

Grenache – Oct 5

Mourvedre – Oct 5

Graciano – Oct 12

Malbec – Sept 23

Petite Sirah – Oct 12

Fermentation: Open top, 1 ton lots

Aging: 11 months French Oak, 20% new

Bottled: August 30, 2010

Alcohol: 14.7%

Acidity: 5.5 g/l

pH: 3.7

Avg Yield: 2.9 tons per acre

Production: 439 cases

Retail: \$28 per bottle

Release Date: November 2014