

2007 Papera Vineyard Zinfandel

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

From a vineyard formerly owned by the Feeney Family and now owned by the Coulson Family, this wine exhibits extremely concentrated flavors of raspberry, cassis, mocha and sassafras that explode in your mouth. The aromas are similar, but with a high-toned, perfumed edge to them. Big, rich mouth-coating tannins give way to a long, jammy finish. A great new addition to our collection of zinfandels.

-Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Papera is an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard, located on the eastern side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Russian River appellation. Planted in 1934, the vines are head-trained and primarily dry farmed.

HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% 3+-year-old oak

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.38

TA: 0.70g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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