



R & B Cellars Napa Valley 2008 Zydeco Zinfandel

Vineyards:	Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley
Composition:	95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah
Harvested:	October 2008
Bottled:	August 2010
Released:	Late Fall 2010
Production:	325 Cases
Cooperage:	100% French Oak 8 coopers – Jarnac, Rousseau, St. Martin, Boutes, Vicard, Seguin Moreau, Treuil, Radoux 100% new

Vineyards

Bingham Ranch is one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. It has been in the same family since the mid 1800's, homesteading times, and was planted with vineyards in the 1950's. The Zinfandel was planted in the 1980's, and is on the northern edge of the ranch. It is a small berry clone that benefits from extended hang time for optimal ripeness.

The Wine

Harvested in late October, the zinfandel from Bingham ranch was perfect. Fruit was hand sorted, and then crushed and de-stemmed into half ton macro bins. A three-day cold soak was done before fermentation. Hand punched down twice a day during fermentation and then gently pressed off and put into 100% French oak barrels. The wine was racked four times while aging in barrels, and then lightly filtered for bottling.

Winemaker's Comments

Typical of a Napa zinfandel, the Bingham Ranch zinfandel is dark, rich, and intense. Blackberries and dark black cherries are the predominant fruits in this rich, extracted wine. The French oak is the perfect compliment to the fruit, adding hints of chocolate and toasty vanilla tones in the finish. The 2008 vintage is even darker and more brooding than the 2007. The wine starts with an initial explosion of black fruit, and then opens layer upon layer of rich fruit and spice, to a long and mouth filling finish. Like the dynamic Zydeco music for which it is named, this wine will get your taste buds dancing!