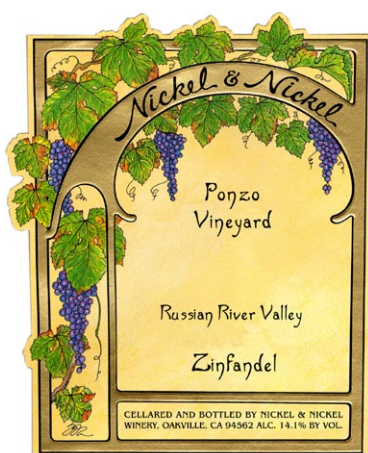




PONZO VINEYARD

Zinfandel, Russian River Valley, Sonoma



APPELLATION

Russian River Valley, Sonoma

YEAR PLANTED

1920

VARIETAL

Zinfandel

ACREAGE

11 acres

CLONE & ROOTSTOCK

Old California Zinfandel
clone of St. George

TRELLISING

Head-trained

GEOLOGY

The soil in this vineyard is gravelly, silty loam derived from the Pleasanton and Yolo soil series, which provide well-drained soils that are generally found on alluvial fans.

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Located in Sonoma's Russian River Valley, Ponzo Vineyard grows Zinfandel from vines planted around 1920 near the onset of Prohibition. The climate is fairly cool and mild due to the coastal influences, morning fog and breezy conditions that last throughout the summer. Nickel & Nickel's 11-acre block is planted on flat, sandy loam soil and is dry farmed, producing deeply concentrated fruit.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ripe and flavorful with a focused palate of strawberry jam, black pepper, spice and smoky oak. Layers of cigar, earth and nutmeg add an intriguing element. The wine is very well balanced with subtle richness and power.