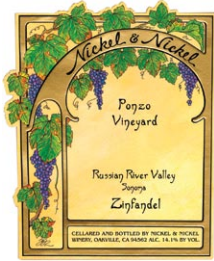


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Single Vineyard Wines

PONZO VINEYARD ZINFANDEL
2007

technical notes:



APPELLATION: Russian River Valley,
Sonoma

HARVEST DATES: September 29 -
October 5, 2007

VARIETAL: 100% Zinfandel

SKIN CONTACT: 10 - 13 days

AGING: French oak barrels
(42% new, 58% once-used)

TIME: 14 months

RELEASE DATE: April 2010

FIRST VINTAGE: 1997

vineyard description:

Located in Sonoma's Russian River Valley, the 33-acre Ponzio Vineyard grows Zinfandel from old, Italian head-trained vines planted around 1920, near the onset of Prohibition. The climate is 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 sandy loam soil and is dry farmed, producing deeply concentrated fruit.

harvest notes:

The 2007 growing season started out dry, with rainfall levels at about 60 percent of normal. Budbreak and bloom were on schedule, but this 90-year-old vineyard had a very poor set. Crop loads were much lighter than last year and clusters were small. The summer months were moderate, with morning fog keeping things cool. Due to the smaller crop, a small heat wave in late August helped ripen the fruit and the warm month of September hastened fruit maturity. We captured those nice raspberry flavors that we desire from this vineyard in late September, but harvested over a one-week period to maximize flavor.

sensory evaluation:

The smaller crop in 2007 led to beautifully ripe flavors and this wine has all the character of a classic Russian River Zinfandel. Dusty, raspberry flavors with white pepper, vanilla and spice blend together nicely and offer a pleasing combination of texture and flavor. A special selection of French oak adds a layer of subtle char to this vintage which, complements the fruit, expanding the middle palate into a nice, long finish.

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