

Family Vineyards  Three Generations

# RUTHERFORD *Ranch*

NAPA VALLEY

2008  
ZINFANDEL  
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The 2008 growing season was one of extremes – spring frosts, drought conditions and a long, cool summer leading to a very long harvest which lasted from August into November. The yields were relatively low, but the fruit showed good concentration of flavors and ripe tannins.

We source our Zinfandel grapes come from warmer vineyard sites in the Napa Valley. These vineyards, many with 40+ year-old vines, produce rich and concentrated wines. Blended with just a touch of Syrah - this wine has juicy dark fruit characteristics and plenty of spice. This wine is a wonderful complement to meals with grilled lamb chops, short ribs and barbecue favorites!

## WINE DESCRIPTION

**AROMAS:** A dark purple color with plush fruit aromas of ripe boysenberry, mocha and warm, spicy cinnamon.

**FLAVORS:** Layered flavors of juicy boysenberry, cherry and mocha. Well-balanced with refreshing acidity, elegant tannins and a long, smooth finish.

**TOTAL ACID/PH:** .62/3.50

**BLEND:** 99% Old Vine Zinfandel, 1% Syrah

**AGING:** 15 months in French and American oak barrels, for greater complexity

**ALCOHOL:** 15.5%



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*Three generations committed to 100% sustainable viticulture and the crafting of fine wines.*

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