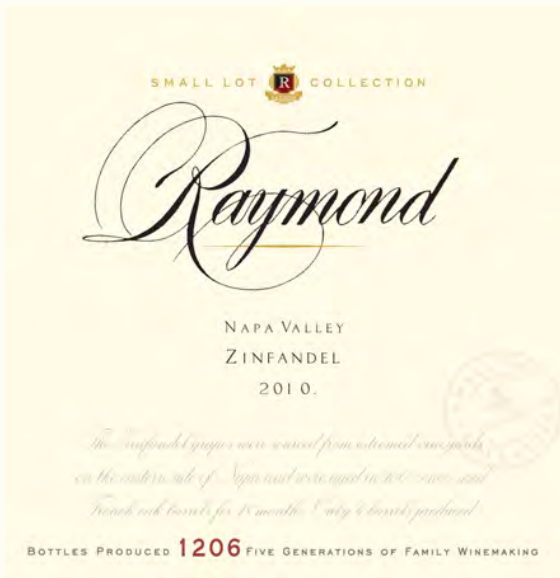


SMALL LOT  COLLECTION

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2010 SMALL LOT COLLECTION NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL: 98% ZINFANDEL, 2% SYRAH

ALCOHOL: 15.5% BY VOL.

PH: 3.7

TA: 6.1 G/L

FERMENTATION: 100% BARREL AGED
FOR 18 MONTHS IN ONCE-USED FRENCH
& AMERICAN OAK

PRODUCTION: 100 CASES

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Napa Valley Zinfandel are sourced from low yielding, high quality vineyards in the Chiles Valley District, an appellation known for growing great Zinfandel. A hint of Syrah, sourced from our estate vineyards in the cool Jameson Canyon, was included for flavor intensity and complexity, creating a wine that is worthy of inclusion in our limited-production Small Lot Collection.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2010 was a relatively cool growing season accented by unexpected heat spikes towards the end of summer that resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields. Our winemaking team was excited about the quality they saw from the vineyards, and were confident that their patience with the unexpected weather would be rewarded in the end. Once harvested, the grapes displayed concentrated flavors that are proving to materialize into elegant, structured wines.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes for our 2010 Small Lot Napa Valley Zinfandel were hand sorted and fermented on the skins for ten days with pumpovers performed twice daily. After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and moved to once-used French and American oak barrels for 18 months.

WINE PROFILE

Perfect for summer barbeques, our 2010 Small Lot Napa Valley Zinfandel opens with vibrant aromas of raspberry, cinnamon and cedar that lead to a palate of brambleberry and black plum. With a touch of sweetness to the tannins, the wine gives a lush mouthfeel that can be enjoyed immediately but has the structure to benefit from 3-5 years in the cellar. Try pairing this delicious wine with barbequed pork ribs or grilled sausage.