



## *2007 Mauritson Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel*

Production:	Approximately 2,257 cases
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Composition:	92% Zinfandel, 8% Petite Sirah
Estate Vineyards:	Block 5, Rockpile Ridge, Madrone Spring, Water Trough, Upper Pond, Lower Pond
Grower Vineyards:	Saini Farms, Mazzone Vineyards, Faloni Ranch, Buchignani/Garcia Vineyard
Alcohol:	15.2 % by volume
Aging:	14 months oak barrels 80% French 20% American

### **Winemaker Notes**

As I am sure many of you have heard by now, 2007 was an outstanding year for zinfandel in Dry Creek Valley, possibly one of the best in the last fifteen years. The growing season was all but perfect: it was hot but not too hot, cool nights and morning fog elongated the hang time, there wasn't any rain until late October, and we were in the middle of a drought so the yields were lower. Coupled with the fact that there is nearly forty percent Rockpile fruit in it, this could be our best Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel ever.

You can tell it was a warmer vintage as soon as you pop the cork, aromas of ripe raspberry and freshly crushed blackberry fill your glass. As the wine opens up hints of black pepper and vanilla begin to compliment the fruit. True to the nose, this wine is lush and round on the palate with subtle, yet complex, tannins that softly coat your mouth. The Rockpile fruit is evident on the finish as you encounter it's signature length and get a feel for the age ability of this young wine.

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