

Crooked Path

2011 ZINFANDEL



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, CA

COMPOSITION:

Zinfandel	78%
Petite Sirah	9%
Syrah	8%
Mourvedre	5%
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WINEMAKING: About 95% of the fruit was yielded from vineyards in the Paso Robles AVA including selected blocks from Sextant Vineyards in Templeton. Additionally, fruit from old vines of San Miguel's Juan Nevarez, Swiss Collina, and Hastings vineyards rounded out the blend. The last 5% Zinfandel Primitivo from our Chalk Knoll Vineyards in San Ardo, Monterey California.

TASTING NOTES: When an exceptional harvest converges with distinguished winemaking, a wine such as the 2011 Crooked Path Zinfandel is the result. Aromas of lavender and cedar are met with cherries and blackberries. At the mid-palate, there's a meandering of spices, graphite, and black tea as integrated tannins provide structure. Traces of briary and licorice wither away gradually on the sustained and lasting finish.

COOPERAGE: 10% new American oak & 7% Hungarian was used with the balance being neutral French.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%	Total Acidity - .72
pH - 3.75	Residual Sugar - .24%
Alcohol 14.8%	