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2012 Zinfandel - Mancini Ranch - Russian River Valley

THE VINEYARD:

Planted in the early 1920's in the Mt. Olivet District, on the Santa Rosa plain of the Russian River Valley, these old vines are only moderately productive. The vines are head trained and spur pruned to what is known in Europe as 'goblet' and in Australia as 'bush vines'. Although the majority of the vineyard is zinfandel, it is interplanted in the old traditional Italian style with an unusual mix of varietals. We thin twice, once after fruit set and again at veraison in order to achieve fairly consistent ripening. Harvest is usually mid to late October and can range over two weeks in order to pick each vine at optimum maturity.

WINEMAKING:

After harvesting, the grapes were 100% destemmed and gravity fed into an open-top fermenter, where it fermented naturally with wild yeast. Punchdowns occurred up to 3 times per day at the peak of fermentation for 21 days until dry. Once pressed and settled by gravity, the wine was racked off the lees and into 100% neutral French oak barrels where it underwent full malolactic fermentation. It was aged in barrel for 2 years before bottling, then aged an additional 2 years in bottle before releasing. 960 cases produced.

THE WINE:

Blackberry, white pepper floral hints, bit of lushness. Complex balanced, elegant. A classic old style zinfandel made with new age sensibilities. And, it is under 13% alcohol!

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Produced and Bottled by Joseph Swan Vineyards
Forestville, California, Alcohol 13.3% by Volume