



# BLACKSTONE

WINEMAKER'S SELECT

## 2009 ZINFANDEL

CALIFORNIA

At Blackstone Winery, we believe in creating approachable and enjoyable wines from premium vineyards throughout California. Our 2009 Winemaker's Select Zinfandel is a fruit-forward, expressive wine with vivid and accessible flavors. Carefully selecting vineyards that showcase the nuances of the Zinfandel grape variety help achieve our goal of crafting a distinctive California red wine, this wine for example sourced predominantly from Paso Robles, one of California's best places for Zinfandel.

In 2009 conditions were very dry and cool. The vineyards saw a minimal amount of rain, and temperatures remained cool throughout the winter and spring, though Paso Robles had some very hot days in June. The mild winter and spring delayed bud break and extended the harvest overall, enabling the fruit to develop slowly. Yields were substantially bigger than past vintages, with excellently concentrated fruit quality.

Our 2009 Blackstone Winemaker's Select Zinfandel has great color and a mixed berry, tart cherry, and earthy nose. Its middle palate is lushly round with firm tannin structure while the finish nicely mixes vanilla with red berry notes. This delicious Zinfandel would pair beautifully with spicy barbecued short ribs, pork tenderloin, or your favorite soul food.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Varietals:** 78% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah, 8% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot  
**Total Acidity:** 6.4g/l  
**pH:** 3.56  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Appellation Composition:** 47% Paso Robles, 19% Santa Barbara County, 12% Valley North, 10% Sonoma County, 8% Monterey County, 4% Valley South

