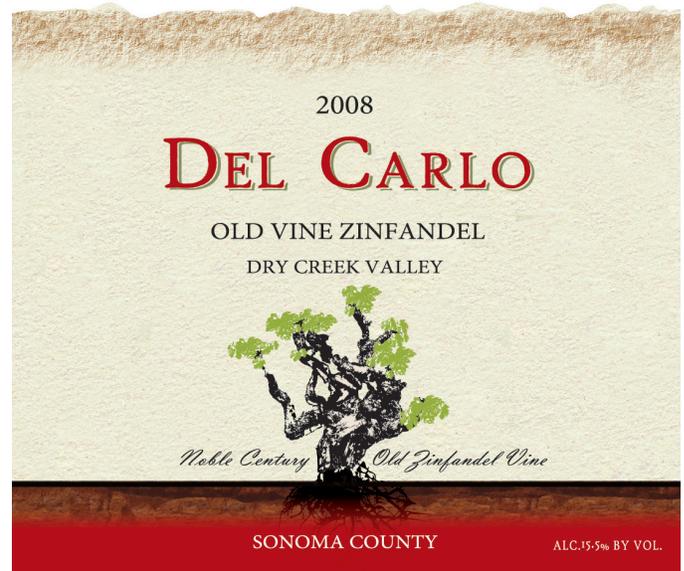


# DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY

## 2008 Old Vine Zinfandel

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	90% Old Vine Zinfandel 10% Old Clone Petite Sirah
<b>Appellation</b>	Dry Creek Valley
<b>Vineyard</b>	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
<b>Harvest Date</b>	September 4 & 5, 2008
<b>Brix</b>	25.2°
<b>T.A.</b>	0.56 gm/100ml
<b>pH</b>	3.69
<b>Cooperage</b>	10 months in American (Pennsylvanian) oak barrels, 30% new oak - medium toast
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.5%
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 9, 2009
<b>Production</b>	330 cases
<b>Release Date</b>	Fall 2011



### Vineyard Notes

At Del Carlo Winery, when we say “*Old Vine Zinfandel*” we don’t mean 20, 40 or even 60-year-old vines. Our Zinfandel comes from vines that are over 100 years old—now those are old vines!

Through decades of sustainable farming practices, we’ve maintained the health of our century-plus old vines. Unlike many old vine Zinfandels that tend toward pruney or cloying flavors, our vines produce fruit with the great depth of character found in old vines and the bright fresh flavors of healthy, youthful vines. The proof is in the bottle.

Our Old Vine Zinfandel is grown in the heart of the Dry Creek Valley’s eastern benchland. This big spicy wine is harvested by hand from select vines in our family’s oldest block of vines.

### Tasting Notes

Well-balanced and delicious, this old vine Zin offers bright spicy aromas of black pepper, raspberry and blackberry with a hint of vanillin oak. Fresh berries—blackberry, raspberry and huckleberry—seamlessly merge on the palate with white and black pepper and a luscious vanilla essence that lingers on into a long finish.

This wine is juicy yet bone dry with refreshing acidity, so pairing it with food is an easy pleasure. Try it with grilled steaks, a venison roast or rich tomato-based Italian dishes to bring out the best in both. Or you might try it solo and enjoy the purity of this classic-style old vine Zin.