

DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY

2011 Old Vine Zinfandel

Varietal Composition	90% Old Vine Zinfandel 10% Old Clone Petite Sirah
Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
Harvest Date	September 26, 2011
Brix	25.0°
T.A.	0.56 gm/100ml
pH	3.69
Cooperage	10 months in American (Pennsylvanian) oak barrels, 20% new oak - medium toast
Alcohol	15%
Bottling Date	July 10, 2012
Production	290 cases
Release Date	Fall 2013



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. These old vines, hand selected from our family’s oldest block, reflect the challenging 2011 growing season. Still delicious and full flavored, this wine showcases the elegant and more refined dimensions of Zinfandel.

Tasting Notes

Bright aromas of brambly blackberry mingle with dusty tannins and subtle oak notes, presenting an almost perfumey entry to the wine. Rich, juicy black raspberry, plum and a hint of blueberry merge mid-palate with freshly ground Tellicherry black pepper. Notes of mocha and vanillin oak appear near the finish as the flavors become one and linger on.

Ideally suited for pairing with a favorite meal, try this Zin with stuffed pork chops, lasagna rolls or roast chicken served with oven-roasted red potatoes and green beans sautéed with bacon.