

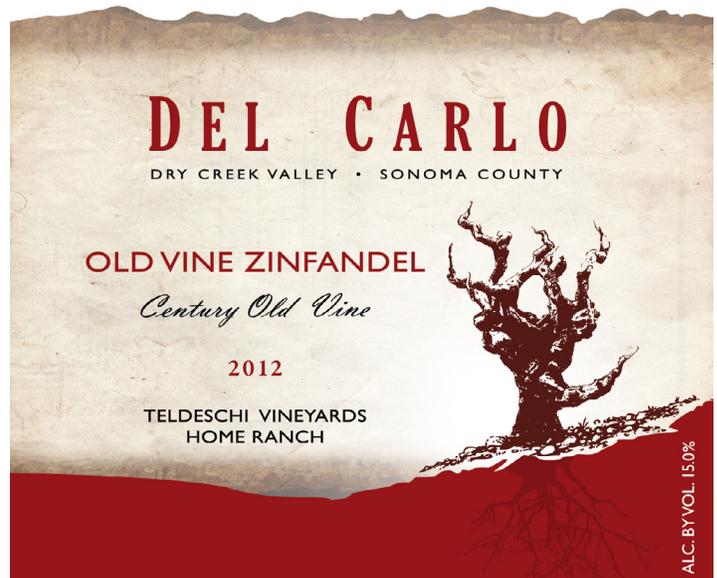
DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY

2012 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Teldeschi Vineyard ~ Home Ranch ~ Dry Creek Valley

Varietal Composition	90% Old Vine Zinfandel 10% Old Clone Petite Sirah
Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
Harvest Date	September 27, 2012
Brix	25.0°
T.A.	0.59 gm/100ml
pH	3.24
Cooperage	10 months in American (Pennsylvanian) oak barrels, 20% new oak - medium toast
Alcohol	15.0%
Bottling Date	August 13, 2013
Production	312 cases
Release Date	Fall 2014



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—those are old vines!

Through decades of sustainable farming practices, we’ve maintained the health of our century-plus old grapevines. 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 ideal 2012 growing season. Delicious and full flavored, this wine showcases the elegant and refined dimensions of Zinfandel, and seamlessly pairs with our favorite meals.

Tasting Notes

Subtle aromas of ripe berry and spicy black pepper belie the richly textured flavors that follow. Balanced with an elegance derived from the ancient vines, this Zin offers layers and depth to the palate. A juicy core of blackberry and Bing cherry merge with mocha and hints of toasty oak, while pepper spices up the finish as the flavors linger.

The complement of flavors and ideal balance make this food-friendly wine easy to pair. Try it with sautéed Italian sausages and peppers over creamy polenta or a hearty lamb stew, and for dessert a delicious vanilla zabaglione with fresh berries.