



FROG'S LEAP

2009 ZINFANDEL *Gonzales Vineyard* *Napa Valley*

THE BLEND

83 % Zinfandel
17 % Petite sirah

PRODUCTION

149 cases

RELEASE DATE

May 2011

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 4 - September 12
24.0° brix at harvest
13.3% alcohol
5.5 gr/L total acidity
3.62 pH
aged 12 months in American oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

A BRIEF HISTORY

Just south of the town of St. Helena, in the heart of the Napa Valley, lies a “band of zin ground” stretching from the Mayacamas Mountains in the west to the Vaca Mountains in the east. For generations this has been the home of many of the valley’s most notable Zinfandels. On this strip of gravelly, loamy soil lies the eight-acre Gonzales Vineyard which was purchased and planted by the Gonzales family some 70 years ago near the end of World War Two. Grapes grown in this vineyard have been a part of Frog’s Leap Zinfandel since 1996. Shortly thereafter the quality of the fruit and the site’s great potential prompted Frog’s Leap to sign a 30-year lease allowing the winery to manage the vineyard completely. Planted in the ancient tradition of a field blend, Zinfandel, Petite sirah and Carignan vines grow side by side in the summer sun mutually benefitting from shared cover crops and the winery’s commitment to dry-farming and organic practices. When harvest rolls around the three varieties are picked by hand and sent to one tank to ferment collectively; always harmonious from vineyard to bottle.

ABOUT THE WINE

With only 149 cases produced the 2009 Frog’s Leap ‘Gonzales Vineyard’ Zinfandel will be available exclusively to FrogFellows. Over the years, this vineyard has given us wines that are rich and plush with perfumed aromas of wild blueberry and rose petals blended with lush flavors of blackberry and a hint of star anise. As a fundamental part of the Frog’s Leap Zinfandel, this single-vineyard bottling is a rare glimpse into the heart of a Frog’s Leap classic.