



FROG'S LEAP

2012 ZINFANDEL

Molinari Vineyard, Napa Valley

THE BLEND

87 % Zinfandel
13 % Petite sirah

PRODUCTION

313 cases

RELEASE DATE

September 2014

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 10 - September 17
23.5° brix at harvest
13.8% alcohol
6.0 g/L total acidity
3.61 pH
aged 12 months in American oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

A BRIEF HISTORY

Six generations of the Molinari family have lived on, farmed and made wine from their family's vineyard nestled against the southern flank of St. Helena in the middle of the Napa Valley. Today, planted to Zinfandel and Petite sirah, these grapes hold a very special place in the Zinfandel we make at Frog's Leap. In 2012 we carefully selected 12 unique barrels of Zin (with a splash of Petite sirah) to honor our long association and friendship with one of Napa's "first families" of wine.

ABOUT THE WINE

Just a short walk from downtown St. Helena, sits the Molinari Zinfandel vineyard at the end of Mills Lane. This mid-valley location has the greatest solar exposure for the biggest part of the day and the vineyard's gravelly loam soils warm quickly in this daytime heat. As a result flavors build quickly in this wine and we have to watch it like a hawk to capture that perfect moment of ripeness.

This 2012 Molinari single-vineyard wine shows the full glory of this nearly perfect vintage. Summer fruit aromas of raspberry and huckleberry engage you. The spicy notes and juicy red-fruit, compote flavors are tamed by the silky texture. One is tempted to crack this wine with that late-summer chicken barbeque, but you might want to hold a few bottles for your Thanksgiving turkey.