



2006 Station 10 Russian River Valley

The Vineyards:

The Russian River Valley is an appellation that offers vintners many blending opportunities. Hook & Ladder's oldest vineyards thrive in the cooler section of our land just west of Santa Rosa. Here the morning fog gently blankets our 100-year old vines and allows the pre-prohibition Zinfandel, Petite Syrah, Carignane and Alicante to ripen to full maturity.

The Winemaking:

With Station 10 we wanted to make a bold, fruit forward, well-structured Zinfandel blend. The 2006 vintage yielded an excellent crop of Zinfandel and Petite Syrah. We blended these grapes with a small amount of old vine Carignane and Alicante from the same field. The varietals were aged separately in European and American oak for over a year before blending and bottling.

The Wine:

Our deep ruby-red blend with aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, and plum that lead to spicy flavors of rich dark berry and finish with a hint of vanilla. This wine has good acidity in the mid palate with sweet oak and soft tannins in the long finish. Try this versatile Zinfandel blend with any red meat on the grill, or a tomato heavy pasta.

Technical Information:

Blend: 83% Zinfandel 10% Petite Syrah 5% Carignane 2% Alicante

Harvested: October 9-31, 2006

Alcohol %: 14.5 **pH:** 3.78 **Total Acidity:** .64 **Case Production:** 2,493

Release Date: Spring 2008

Suggested Retail Price: \$17

Winemaker: Jason De Loach

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