

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



2010 EASTON Zinfandel "Estate-Bottled" - Shenandoah Valley

This is the thirteenth vintage of our estate-bottled Zinfandel. The fruit originates from the old Baldinelli property that was planted in the early 1970's. We choose from several lots. Vines are head-trained and unirrigated. The vineyard is rigorously suckered for proper cluster spacing and sun exposure to get full flavor development. Flavors are full, rich, smooth, and gutsy. The wine has huge brambly blackberry fruit, big cedar, spice box aromas and flavors. It has a smooth creamy finish from aging in François Frères and Taransaud barrels (1/3 new). 2010 was a particularly interesting year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our spring was cold, and there was late frost damage that reduced the crop size, and we had a rather cool summer. Harvest began in early October, not particularly late, but considering the small crop, on the late side, but before major rains. The quality of the fruit was high with small clusters. Our estate vineyard was harvested on October 5th and 6th. Our Zinfandel's have no residual sugar and nice balancing acidity. We have bottled the wine in our EASTON "Estate" package with its' distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle. Featured on the cover of the *Wine Enthusiast*.

15.1 % alcohol by vol.; 3.62 pH; 6.5 gm./liter total acidity

"93" points" - the Wine Enthusiast, July 2012 - "Featured on the magazine cover".
"89 points" The Wine Spectator, June 30, 2012
"90 Points" - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, January 2013
"90 points", the California Grapevine, July 2012, "Highly Recommended" Top 100 California Picks -Stephen Brook, Finest Wines of California

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