## Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## 2011 EASTON Zinfandel "Estate-Bottled" - Shenandoah Valley

This is the fourteenth vintage of our estate-bottled Zinfandel which is akin to a Reserve bottling. 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). 2011 was a particularly interesting year in the Sierra Foothills and the Shenandoah Valley. Our spring was cold and we had a cooler than average summer. It was the coolest year we had experienced since 1998. Harvest began in late September on the 29th and we finished on the 30th. This not particularly late, but more an average date. The quality of the fruit was high with small clusters. Our Zinfandel's have no residual sugar and nice balancing acidity. This bottling is made to age for a long length of time. Ten to twenty years wilt proper storage would not be out of the question. We have bottled the wine in our EASTON "Estate" package with its' distinctive, but classic label design and heavy bottle.

15.1 % alcohol by vol.; 3.62 pH; 6.5 gm./liter total acidity Suggested Retail: \$35 a bottle