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PESSAGNO
WINERY



2009 ZINFANDEL

IDYLL TIMES VINEYARD
San Benito County

THE VINEYARD

Located at the base of the northeastern foothills of San Benito County, Idyll Times Vineyard is sheltered from the winds of “the Mistral” climate, and is graced with warm days and temperate nights. The soil is sparse and shallow, restricting root development and canopy growth. These conditions are ideal for the fickle and sometimes overly vigorous Zinfandel grape.

THE VINTAGE

2009 comes to a close with our assessment that yet a fifth consecutive great Vintage has been brought to “the Barn” (our 80+ year old former Swiss Italian dairy, now winery). January and early February saw unprecedented warm temperatures that caused an early budbreak. During flowering in the middle of May the thermometer again reached the upper 90 °F mark. The balance of the growing season up through harvest was, in contrast, very moderate to even slightly cool. We were now preparing for a late season with grapes not expected until late Fall. In anticipation of heavy rains from the remnants of Typhoon Melor (the worst to hit Japan in two decades), we scrambled to bring in all the fruit during the middle of October. The long hours paid off and incredible quality wines are now finishing fermentation and resting gracefully in the winery.

THE WINEMAKING

Zinfandel vines are notorious for uneven ripening, but the 2009 vintage was picked in one day. Fermented in small lots with a 25-day maceration period, the young wine was then pressed directly into French oak barrels for 11 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

Our classic Zin, bringing you all of the jammy, luscious berry and pomegranate flavors consistent with this San Benito County vineyard. If you have had any wines from Idyll Times before, you know what to expect and won't be disappointed!

Steve Pessagno, Winemaker



Harvest Date

October 4, 2009

Harvest Brix

23.7

Months in Oak

Five

Alcohol

14.7%

pH

3.48

TA

6.1 grams/liter

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Dry

Bottled October 26, 2011

455 cases