

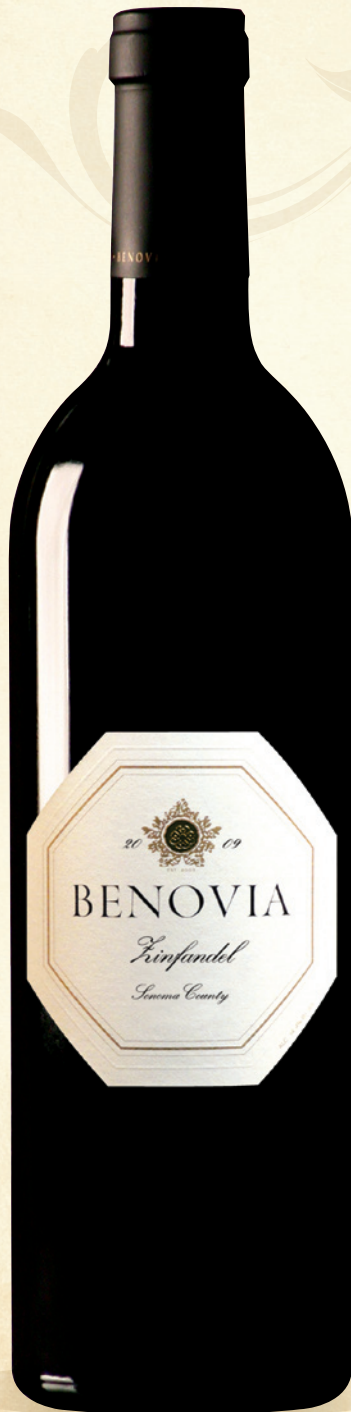


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2009 Sonoma County Zinfandel



Harvest Notes

Sonoma County experienced its third successive drought in the winter of 2008 and spring of 2009. The colder than average temperatures in spring pushed the season back by almost three weeks at flowering and fruit set. The summer was cool and dry with low mildew and rot pressure. Temperatures warmed in July and August, helping to create a very even veraison and setting the stage for a great vintage. Yields were below average and the stressed vines produced grapes with exceptional color, vibrant acidity, and balance. We are very excited about the 2009 vintage—it may be our best yet!

Winegrower Notes

Planted in 1975, the Cohn Vineyard grows on a steep and rocky slope on our estate at the northern end of Russian River Valley. We dry-farm these gnarled vines to produce small and compact clusters with incredible fruit intensity and bright acidity. After cluster sorting, destemming and berry sorting, our Zinfandel was fermented utilizing open-top fermentation.

Tasting Notes

This wine exhibits lively aromas of vine-ripened blackberries and Kirsch liqueur. On the palate the wine's exuberant fruit is balanced centered acidity, building with fruit through the mid-palate to the luscious tannins and a long finish. To preserve the opulent mouthfeel, our Zinfandel is bottled without fining or filtration.

Vineyard Sources

Cohn Vineyard (Estate), nearly 40-year-old vines

Harvest Data

September 12, 2009 | Alcohol 15.1% | pH 3.85 | TA 0.60

Fermentation

Cold soaked for four days, indigenous yeast fermentation

Cooperage

Aged 16 months in French oak, chateau barrels (42% new)

Bottling

April 8, 2011

Cases Produced

466 cases

Release Date

August 2011