



HOMEFIRE

2009

"The Muse"

Zinfandel

Varietal	85% <i>Zinfandel</i> 15% <i>Petite Sirah</i>
Vineyard	<i>Mounts Vineyard</i>
AVA	<i>Dry Creek Valley</i>
Cooperage	100% <i>New and Neutral American Oak</i>
In Barrel	<i>15-months</i>
Harvested	<i>October 10, 2009</i>
Bottled	<i>March 11, 2011</i>
Chemistry	<i>pH 3.95, TA 0.547 g/100ml Alc. 15.1 percent</i>
Production	<i>250 cases</i>
Rainfall	<i>34 inches (below average)</i>
Bud Break	<i>Late May</i>
Grapes	<i>Average 24.5 brix</i>
Aging Potential	<i>2-3 years</i>
Pairing	<i>Pizza, Pork, Paella</i>
Enjoy	<i>Now</i>

"The Muse" was hand harvested from the Western bench of the Dry Creek Valley after a warm dry summer. This vineyard has been farmed by the Mounts Family for 60-years. The fruit was gently crushed and fermented in open 1/2 ton bins; gently pressed and then barreled for 15 months. It is a bold, fruity, wine with dark cherry, blackberry and over ripe strawberry flavors. Overall, it's a flag-raising representation of Dry Creek fruit. The addition of Petite Sirah (also from Dry Creek) emboldens and enriches the mid-palate and the overall flavor profile.

