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## 2008 Zinfandel ~ Alexander Valley Technical Information



**Vineyard:** Muzzin Ranch  
**Appellation:** Alexander Valley

**Varietal Blend:** 100% Zinfandel

**Harvest Date:** September 14<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Brix at Harvest:** 25.0°

**Total Acid:** .54 g/L

**pH:** 3.69

**Alcohol:** 15.8%

**Fermentation / Cellaring:** Eight hours after destemming, we took a quarter of the must and deployed the practice of saignée to be used for our dry rosé, keeping the remaining skins with the must to help develop fuller tannins. We then open-top fermented for two weeks in macro bins. The wine was then aged for 11 months in American oak with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> being new.

**Bottled Date:** August 12<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Release Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

**Cases Produced:** 243

The grapes for this wine come from a small, hand tended vineyard owned and farmed by Luigi Muzzin, located in the western Sonoma County foothills of the Alexander Valley near the town of Cloverdale.

**Tasting Notes:** I really like the consistency of this fruit source. Luigi Muzzin does a great job every year in producing Zinfandel that has rich flavors and makes a robust and versatile wine! Balanced and full bodied, your mouth will water as you breathe in the nose of intense blackberries and black pepper, followed by rich flavors of raspberries and coffee. I have been told that this wine is juicier than our 2007 vintage; but like its previous vintage, there are solid tannins that will allow this wine to age gracefully for many years to come.

