



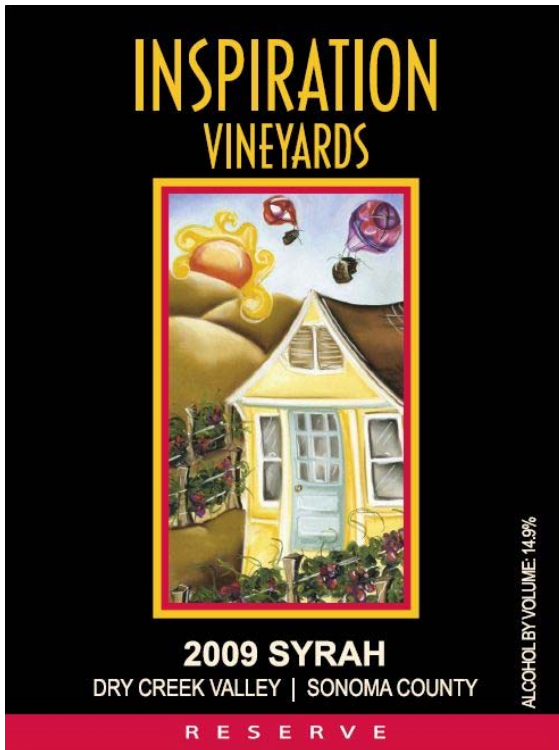
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2009 Syrah, Reserve ~ Dry Creek Valley Technical Information



Vineyard: Palindrome Vineyards

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Varietal Blend: 85% Syrah
10% Grenache
5% Viognier

Harvest Date: September 12th 2009

Brix at Harvest: 24.0°

Total Acid: .69 g/L

pH: 3.35

Alcohol: 14.9%

Fermentation / Cellaring: Open-top fermented & co-fermented with some Viognier the Grenache was added just before bottling. Aged for 24 months in American oak, 1/3rd new.

Bottled Date: October 20th 2011

Release Date: March 1st 2012

Cases Produced: 43

The Rhône Valley represents a place in France that we are very fond of. The food, wine and villages remind us of Sonoma County along the Russian River. In taking our signature Syrah, that has been co-fermented with a little Viognier, we added some Grenache, creating a wine very reminiscent of the central Rhône; one that is extremely food friendly and could very well take the place of Pinot Noir at your table.

Tasting Notes: The Syrah provides a backbone of tannin, while the Grenache provides a softness allowing this wine to be enjoyed now or be allowed to age for many years. You'll find the nose filled with berry flavors of strawberries and blackberries. While on the palette you'll discover notes of strawberry, cedar, mocha and earth.

