



BERAN CALIFORNIA ZINFANDEL 2013

THE STATE OF ZINFANDEL

Beran - The Bear-is forever a figure of strength and head-strong drive. With the same power and conviction our Zinfandels are grown and crafted without compromise.

SOURCING PHILOSOPHY

For Beran, we rely on heritage old vine zinfandel plantings, interlaced with a few young up-and-coming vineyards. We are honored to work with some of the most world renowned multi-generation Zin growers in Sonoma County, Napa Valley, Mendocino County, the desolate Sierra foothills of Amador County along with a handful of other notable Zin regions. For instance, the Saini family has been growing Zinfandel in the Dry Creek Valley since 1917, and the Foppianos have been Sonoma County growers since 1896. On the new side is the dramatic Shannon Ridge Home Ranch in Lake County where a 15-year-old vineyard has been planted at elevations of 2,100 to 2,500 feet in lean, rocky and volcanic soil. Many of our growers' dry farm their vineyards and pridefully incorporate sustainable and organic cultural practices.

2013 VINTAGE

It was a long and moderate growing season with no heat spikes or heavy rains, giving us perfect conditions to produce flavorful, well-developed and plentiful fruit. This gentle vintage gave the fruit long hang-time for ideal acid and sugar balance along with complexity of flavors.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Beran California Zinfandel is a true representation of what Zinfandel can offer with the ripeness of the warmer regions and brightness from cooler regions. Grapes picked at optimum ripeness combined with extended fruit maceration over 30 days at times then laid to rest for 12 months in a combination of American and French oak has created a flavor-packed, easy-drinking zin with a soft, supple mouthfeel and balanced acidity. Zinfandel is one of the most expressive and distinctive grape varieties and when made well should continue to evolve and improve in the bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Dark red with a black core and deep purple hues.

Aromatics: Sweet cedar, cassis, red berry preserves, mocha, and sweet tobacco.

Palate: Flavors of dried cranberry, ripe red berries, warm cherry pie and caramel apple are complexed with hints of sweet tobacco and spice.

Structure: Soft and rich with a fresh acidity and fine-grain tannins on the long finish.

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