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## 2010 ZINFANDEL

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### Napa Valley

#### VINTAGE

2010 harvest started with a very late bud break due to wet and cool spring weather. The growing season was also very cool and promoted conditions for mildew that we constantly fought, and late bud break further delayed harvest. The cool, wet weather also affected the set of the crop to less than normal.

#### NOSE

The nose that of a potent young wine, showing a rich candied red fruit character of fraise and maraschino cherry, with hints of sandalwood, black peppercorns and allspice..

#### PALATE

This is a big wine in terms of mouth feel and fruit. The first flavors are dominated by big, candied red fruit, which confirms the impressions offered up on the nose and almost makes you think there is a touch of sweetness - really ripe red cherries and the sweetest of tiny, wild strawberries, balanced with a light touch of oak and a subtle hint of black pepper. The finish is balanced, long & persistent, with the rich fruit character evening out the more than ample alcohol. The finish is crisp with bright acidity, leaving the mouth salivating and wanting more.

#### NOTES

Easy to enjoy while cooking and with the meal. Pair with burgers, BBQ baby-back ribs, bone-in pork chops; perfect with pepperoni pizza for a quick, easy meal.



*Three generations of the Madrigal family have farmed some of Napa Valley's finest vineyards.*

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**VARIETALS:** 100% Zinfandel

**VINEYARDS:** 46% Madrigal Estate, 31% Salisbury Vineyard, 23% Johnson Vineyard

**AGING:** 17 months in 24% New Oak

**TA:** 6.3 G/L

**PH:** 3.90

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

**CASES PRODUCED:** 942