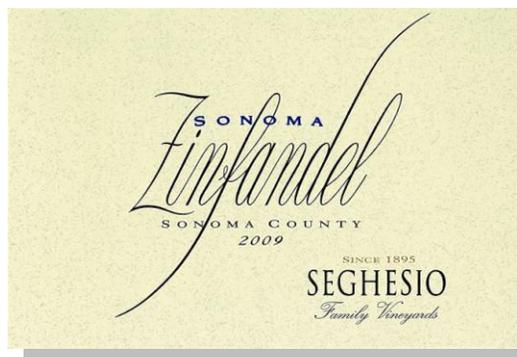

2009 Sonoma Zinfandel

Seghesio Family Vineyards' roots are firmly planted in Zinfandel, as our founder, Edoardo Seghesio, first planted this historic varietal on our Alexander Valley Home Ranch in 1895. Today, we share his passion as we farm over 300 acres of estate Zinfandel in Alexander and Dry Creek valleys.



This wine combines sites that have produced Zinfandel for over a century with newer sites that utilize proprietary clones and the most advanced viticultural practices.

Vineyard Locations	Estate-owned and -farmed vineyards – Home Ranch, River Road, Lone Oak and San Lorenzo in Alexander Valley; Cortina in Dry Creek Valley
Vintage Characteristics	Overall, 2009 was a nearly ideal growing season with gradual ripening due to cooler temperatures with daily minimums below the 30-year average. Tannins and flavors developed gradually without the usual heat spikes, but a warm September punctuated the vintage by bringing the fruit to full ripeness.
Vineyard Regime	Aggressive hand canopy management was maintained; both a green harvest and veraison thinning were performed to ensure even ripening and to keep crop loads in balance.
Hand-Harvested	Sept. 9-Oct. 8, 2009
Average Brix at Harvest	26.5°
Fermentation Regime	25% hand punch-down in small open-top fermentors, 50% pump-over fermentation in closed-top stainless steel with delestage and 25% rotary-tank fermentation; maceration time of 10 days
Barrel Regime	Barrel-aged for 10 months in 75% American (20% new) and 25% French oak
Food Affinities	Red sauces, pizza, barbecue, spicy cuisine and a variety of meats
<i>Alcohol –15.0%</i>	<i>Release Date – October 2010</i>

Winemaker Notes:

- ☞ *Wild berry patch aromas and scents of freshly baked bread*
- ☞ *Desired varietal markers of raspberries, blackberries and Zin's briary spiciness reflect the excellent 2009 vintage*
- ☞ *Zin's ever-present acidity enhances the finish, and fine, dusty tannins add complexity, mouthfeel and structure*
- ☞ *Layered nuances of flavor with cracked pepper, tilled soil and a hint of creamy oak*
- ☞ *Characteristic synergy of components – balanced and elegantly structured*

— Ted Seghesio