



“... ripe blackberries...
earthy spice, cherry cola...”



We have been farming our land since 1943, blending our northern Italian heritage with our California roots. Our family chose the lion from St. Mark’s Cathedral in Venice, Italy to symbolize our rich history. Today, we continue this tradition by offering Estate wines for you and your family to enjoy.

2009 ZINFANDEL

HOPLAND RANCHES n ESTATE BOTTLED

Grapes: *Two lots from Bliss Block #3, two lots from Feliz Block #62*
Harvest: *Hand picked on October 2nd and 3rd. Harvest Brix from 23.0 to 27.6.*
Production: *Morning loads only, stemmed and lightly crushed with 50% remaining as whole berries. Cold soaked all lots for 24-72 hours before inoculation with S-103 yeast. Lots fermented in temperature controlled tanks. Lots remained on the skins from 7-12 days. Pumped over 2-3 times a day. Mostly American, some French oak, 20% new. Barrel aged for 18 months.*

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

Bottling Date:..... May 2011
Cases Produced: 1,500
Alcohol:..... 14.5%
Total Acidity: 0.74
pH: 3.73

TASTING NOTES:

Our Estate Zinfandel once again brings together the best of our two Hopland ranches, Bliss and Feliz. This fruit forward wine has aromatics of raspberries, red cherries and anise. Your palate is greeted with a burst of ripe blackberries, followed by earthy spice, cherry cola and a hint of pepper on the finish. This balanced Zinfandel is another in the long line of Brutocao classics.

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