



# Truchard Vineyards

## 2009 Zinfandel



**Vintage:** A dry spring allowed for good berry set and an average crop. Normal summer conditions slowly brought the grapes to maturity. Record rains in mid-October forced vintners to quickly pick the ripe fruit that was still in the field. Despite a frantic finish, the 2009 vintage produced fruity wines with intense flavors, great texture, and beautiful balance.

**Vineyard:** There are only 4 acres of Zinfandel planted on the Truchard Estate Vineyard. One acre is in the northern “Highlands” region, and three acres are located at the southern end of the vineyard. The vines range from 12 to 19 years old and grow on steep hillsides composed of volcanic rock and ash. The porous soils and cooler Carneros climate combine to produce an exceptionally intense Zin, with unique fruit and spice components.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. The fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88 F. After 14 days of maceration both lots were pressed, and the wine allowed to settle in tank for 24 hours before going to barrel. This wine was aged in both French (60%) and American oak (40%) for 10 months; 35% of these barrels were new. The wine was racked only one time before being bottled in August of 2010. Truchard Vineyards produces the only Zin made entirely from Napa Carneros fruit.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.75 pH • 6.6 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** Beautiful aromas of cherry, cranberry and cassis; with a touch of cedar and mint. The mouth is filled with ripe jammy flavors of plum, wild berries, and sweet vanilla. Round tannins and firm acidity provide a long, delicate finish of spice and red fruits.

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**Cases Produced:** 604