



## 2009 ZINFANDEL

**Shake Ridge Ranch Vineyard, Amador County**



### Vital Statistics

Varietal:	91% Zinfandel, 7% Mourvedre, 2% Barbera
Vineyard:	Shake Ridge Ranch Vineyard, Amador County
Harvest Date:	October 27, 2009
Harvest Brix:	26
Release Month:	October 2011
Alcohol:	15.0%

### Shake Ridge Ranch Vineyard

Located in the middle of "Gold Rush" country, Shake Ridge Ranch is a beautiful vineyard located just outside the historic town of Sutter Creek. Located in the Sierra foothills, the vineyard features sloping terrain, gravelly loam soil over the underlying rocky volcanic base and a warm climate due to the 1,800 foot elevation. In addition to producing outstanding Zinfandel fruit, Shake Ridge also delivers premium Syrah, Petite Sirah, Mourvedre, Barbera, Grenache and Viognier. In 2009, the San Francisco Chronicle named Shake Ridge Ranch as one of the top 5 "up and coming" vineyards to watch in California.

### Winemaking Notes

The grapes were harvested on October 27, 2009. The wine was barrel aged in a combination of neutral barrels and new American oak. In October 2010 the wine was blended with a small amount of Mourvedre and Barbera (also from Shake Ridge Ranch) to add a bit more complexity. The resulting wine was bottled in July 2011 after 20 months in barrel.

### Tasting Notes

The 2009 Shake Ridge Zinfandel is a simply delicious Zin with a lovely aromatic nose. The taste has hints of berry fruits including raspberry, cherry and blackberry. The tannins are subdued, yet balanced, making the wine very approachable with a medium body and smooth mouth feel. The finish is long with the lingering taste of subtle vanilla from the barrel aging in American oak.