



## 2012 ZINFANDEL

**Teldeschi Vineyard  
Dry Creek Valley**



### Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Teldeschi Vineyard – Dry Creek Valley AVA
Harvest Date:	September 30, 2012
Harvest Brix:	26.5
Alcohol:	15.9%

### Teldeschi Vineyard

The Ray Teldeschi Vineyard is located to the west of Healdsburg in the Dry Creek Valley. The vineyards have a southern exposure giving the vines (some of which are 115 years old) plenty of sunlight. Like most great Zinfandel sites, the old vines are head pruned, yields are low and the grapes are packed with intense flavors of cherry, blackberry and boysenberry.

### Winemaking Notes

The grapes were harvested on Sep 30, 2012. This wine is a 50/50 blend of 100+ year old vine Zinfandel and “new” vines of 35 years old. The fruit was 100% destemmed and 80% whole / 20% crushed berries were used in the fermentation. The fruit was cold soaked for four days prior to yeast inoculation and fermentation. The wine was aged in 25% new American Oak with the balance in one year old and neutral barrels. After 20 months in barrel aging, the wine was bottled on June 4, 2014.

### Tasting Notes

Upon winning a Gold Medal at the Beverage Tasting Institute, the 2012 Jazz Cellars Teldeschi Zinfandel was described as follows: *“Dusty garnet color. Aromas and flavors of dried berries, butter roasted nuts and chocolate orange peel with a silky, tangy, fruity medium body and a tingling, competing, medium-long spiced cherries, vanilla fudge, brown and peppery spices, and cedar finish with well-integrated, chewy tannins and moderate oak. A ripe, juicy zinfandel with great structure.”*

### Awards

**GOLD Medal and 92 points** – Tastings.com (Beverage Tastings Institute)

**GOLD Medal and 92 points** – San Francisco International Wine Competition