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## ROBERT MONDAVI PRIVATE SELECTION.

### ZINFANDEL :: CALIFORNIA, 2011

The 2011 Zinfandel is one of our best—a zesty, fruity red produced from Central Coast grapes. Right off the bat, the wine's aromas reveal a deep core of rich, lively strawberry, sour cherry, and rose petal. In the mouth, the soft fruit and floral flavors take on expressive vanilla oak, which carries over the long, sweet finish. Superbly balanced, with bright acidity and supple tannins, this Zinfandel will make a fine match for a wide range of hearty dishes, including pepperoni pizza, burgers, barbecued ribs and chicken, grilled spicy sausages, steaks slathered in onions and mushrooms, herb-marinated lamb chops, and zesty red-sauce pastas.

#### 2011 HARVEST

The 2011 growing season was on par with 2010 as the coolest growing season on record. It was also one of great variety on the Central Coast, with a wide array of conditions and temperatures. A strong frost occurred in early April and summer proved to be extremely cool and windy, with very few heat spikes—all of which contributed to a smaller crop size than in previous harvests. The fluctuating temperatures led to a long growing season that, combined with the cooling breezes on the Central Coast, resulted in fruit with ripe flavors.

#### VITICULTURE

One hundred percent of the grapes for our 2011 Zinfandel were sourced from vineyards in the Central Coast American Viticultural Area—including Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, and Monterey Counties. The Central Coast fruit provides a soft, jammy texture to the wine.

#### WINEMAKING

After gently crushing and destemming the grapes, we fermented the must (juice and skins) in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to maintain maximum fruit expression in the finished wine. Full malolactic fermentation gave the wine roundness and depth, while barrel-aging for 11 months in French and American oak added complexity. A small percentage of Petite Sirah was added to the final blend to lend softness and lush velvet character.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

79% Zinfandel, 12% Syrah,  
9% Petite Sirah

#### APPELLATION

52% Paso Robles, 36% Santa Barbara  
County, 12% Monterey County

**OAK AGING:** 11 months

**TA:** 6.7g/L

**pH:** 3.58

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

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