



**MARTINELLI**  
WINERY & VINEYARDS

**Lolita Ranch Zinfandel  
Russian River Valley  
2010**

### **Vineyard Character**

The Lolita Ranch is located on Martinelli Road in Forestville. The property once adjoined the original Martinelli Homestead Ranch, belonging to Giuseppe & Luisa Martinelli. Giuseppe & Luisa had purchased the steep, forested landscape in the late 1800's and then later sold this particular section to a neighbor. Eventually it passed on to Bob and Lolita Young, who ran a herd of Angus and Hereford cattle on the land for many years. Lee Martinelli Jr. and his wife Pamela acquired the property in 1999, returning it back to the Martinelli estate and to the family's continuing century-long legacy of viticulture. Lee Jr. planted the steep hillside with four different grape varietals; Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Zinfandel.

### **Wine Statistics**

After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation to generate skin contact and expose fruit character and are fermented with wild yeast. The juice is transferred to small oak barrels with a touch of residual sugar remaining to complete the fermentation process in barrel until dry. It rests in 35% new French oak on its gross lees for ten months. The wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized, is un-fined and un-filtered, and clarified only by racking before bottling. The wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized, is un-fined and un-filtered, and clarified only by racking before bottling.

Case Production: 77

### **Tasting Notes**

Intense and rich raspberry and blackberry flavors dance on the tongue along with a touch of Grand Marnier. Aromas include freshly baked blackberry cobbler with a hint of cinnamon and powdered sugar.

### **Historical Acclaim**

2007 Vintage

- 95 points Robert M. Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate
- 93 points Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

**Winemaker:** Bryan Kvamme

**Consulting Winemaker:** Helen Turley

Blended and bottled by Bryan Kvamme and Erin Green in 2011.