



Lolita Ranch Zinfandel

Russian River Valley

2011

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 varieties; Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Zinfandel.

Growing Year

This was one of the coolest growing years on record in the last 30 years, especially during the month of June. Due to the cool weather, harvest was later than usual. These wines will age well, and show more structure due to the increased acidity from the cooler growing season.

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 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.

Case Production: 185

Tasting Notes

The 2011 Lolita Ranch Zinfandel has flavors of raspberry, sweet rhubarb pie, and strawberry preserves with a hint of spice. Aromas include leather, fresh cherries, and Chambord liqueur.

Historical Acclaim

2011 Vintage

- 95 points Robert M. Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate
- 91 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Winemaker: Bryan Kvamme

Consulting Winemaker: Erin Green