

2008 TF ZIN *Lake County*

*94% Zinfandel, 5% Syrah,
1% Petit Verdot*

*Alcohol – 16%
TA – 6.10 g/L
pH – 3.79*



Chef Tyler Florence and the Michael Mondavi family, long-time Napa Valley vintners, share a passion for pairing food and wine. Now Tyler has teamed up with Rob Mondavi, fourth generation winemaker, to craft three Limited-Production wines: Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel. These wines are sourced from exceptional California vineyards where each varietal takes on world-class character and quality.

Vintage 2008

Napa Valley's 2008 growing season was dramatic, but the result was fruit of excellent quality and great flavor concentration. A very dry spring caused buds to emerge early, which meant that frost in late March and early April significantly reduced crop size. A cool summer of consistent temperatures slowed vine development, and harvest began only slightly ahead of normal. A heat spell in late August sped up ripening, but cool fall temperatures helped to lengthen harvest. This second consecutive dry growing season in the Napa Valley, combined with the reduced crops, resulted in berries that expressed their vineyards with rich, concentrated flavors.

Vineyards

For TF Limited-Production Zinfandel, Tyler and Rob looked to the dry-farmed Hoodoo Creek Vineyard on the north side of Mount St. Helena in Lake County. Planted in the 1930s, this site lies on an extinct riverbed of cobblestone, minerals and quartz. The combination of old vines and a unique soil structure gives our fruit rich intensity and singular character.

Winemaking

After gentle hand-harvest, destemming and crush, the juice was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks then aged for 22 months in 100% French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Our 2008 TF Limited-Production Zinfandel is a juicy and powerful Old Vine Zinfandel that bursts with flavors of chocolate, leather, cracked pepper and bold black fruits. It is best when paired with bright and fresh ingredients – found in a dish like Osso Bucco, one of Tyler's favorite classic meals.