

Gore Family Vineyards

2009 Zinfandel

Alexander Valley

100% Zinfandel

2009 was a cooler vintage for Zinfandel. The crop was a bit above average. This was harvested a week later than normal.

Harvest date: Oct 8th, 2009

Brix at Harvest: 25.8

Fermentation: T-Bin fermentation. 1.5 ton open top fermenters

11 day cold soak

D254 Yeast

Daily manual punchdowns

Pressed off at 3 degrees brix

100% Malolactic conversion

Ageing: 30 months in French and American Oak Barrels, 50% new

150 cases bottled: July 2012

Dark and rich fruit flavors and good balance throughout the wine. The age of the wine helps mellow and balance the tannins.