

Carol Shelton

Wild Thing®

2011 Old Vine Zinfandel

Mendocino County  
ORGANICALLY GROWN GRAPES

Old Vine Mendocino Zinfandel is a treasure. Grown on the benchlands and slopes of mountainsides — this wild-looking old vine Zinfandel offers fruit that winemaker Carol Shelton, with her 35+ years of experience and creativity, has transformed into a wine that is concentrated yet soft, creamy and full of flavor. Our Wild Thing Zinfandel was named for these wild-looking vines and also for the uninoculated, or “wild,” yeast ferment that was used to create it. It takes a lot of effort to tame this wild fruit, but it is worth all the trouble.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Aromas of black cherry, plum and raspberry fruit combine with a beautiful hint of vanilla-oak loveliness, smoothly textured in mouth, very creamy and round, the finish is long and has lush jammy fruit — this wine is dangerously good! Remember – you are what you drink ....

**Harvest Dates:** October 17-18, 2011

**Average Brix at Harvest:** 25.1°Brix (soaked)

**Average TA/pH at Harvest:** 0.82 gm/100ml      pH 3.61

**Fermentation Characteristics:** Uninoculated (“WILD”) yeast fermentation, which took 5 days to start (cold soak!) for total of 16 days on skins. Déléstaged (pronounced 'del-ess-TAHJd) before 12° Brix

**Cellar Storage/Aging:** 2 years in a mix of American and French barrels -- 20% were new or one-year old

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Total Acidity:** 0.63 gm/100ml      pH: 3.60

**Varietal Composition:** 77% old vine Zinfandel, 9% OV Carignane, 8% Primitivo, 2% Alicante Bouschet, 2% Syrah, 1% Barbera, 1% Petite Sirah  
\*\*\*Sustainably farmed and organically grown

**Appellation :** 78% Mendocino County, 18% Sonoma County, 4% Lodi

**Case production:** 3,500 cases (750 ml)  
+ 200 cases (375 ml) +200 magnums (1.5L)

**Bottling Date:** October 4, 2013

**Release Date:** November 1, 2013



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