



## 2009 mbf Primitivo

*The foundation of my limited production MBF (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes - Brenda Lynch*

### **2009 Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knight's Valley - Sonoma County**

*Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel. Its name derives from the terms *primativus* or *primaticcio*, which refer to the grape's tendency to ripen earlier than other varieties. However, Speedy Creek Vineyard's hillside location and more extreme growing conditions produce small, intensely flavored berries that ripen later in the growing season.*

*2009 Vintage*

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### **Speedy Creek Vineyard, Knight's Valley**

I first hiked the Speedy Creek Vineyard in Knights Valley with owners Dave and Kathy Burton in 2008. Speedy Creek refers to the 'speed' of their seasonal winter creek as it cascades down alongside their hillside vineyard. Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

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### **Brenda's Winemaking**

2009 is my inaugural vintage of Primitivo. Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel, which I have been making since 1995, and I used the same gentle winemaking and oak aging that I use for Zinfandel. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs. The wine was barreled down dirty and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months, with approximately 50% new Francois Freres barrels.

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### **Tasting Notes**

Aromas of deep, ripe red berry fruit in the nose - there is a distinct 'grapey' quality to the wine's fresh fruit character. Chocolate, vanilla and spice notes from the Francois Freres oak barrels add some nice complexity to the nose and entry. The wine has excellent balance in flavors and mouth-feel, with nice chewy tannins in the full, rich finish.



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### **Information**

Vintage:	2009
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Alcohol:	15%
Produced:	158 cases



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