



2012 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

2012 mbf Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knights Valley—Sonoma County

Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel. Its name derives from the terms *primatus* or *primiticcio*, 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.

2012 Vintage

Silver Medal - Orange County Fair

2011 Vintage

Silver Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Bronze Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2010 Vintage

Bronze Medal - International Women's Wine Competition

Bronze Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2009 Vintage

BEST IN CLASS—San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Speedy Creek Vineyard, Knights 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. The Burtons are committed to sustainable growing practices and Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

Brenda's Winemaking

Handle with care. 2012 is our fourth vintage of Primitivo and our wine-making approach remains consistent—gentle handling and oak aging. 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 Frères barrels.

Tasting Notes

Always evocative of the Italian province of Apulia (Puglia), this varietal is legendary (think last supper legendary). In our 2012 expression, you'll be struck by the beautiful garnet color and nose of black cherries and hint of pepper. It's smooth on entry, medium-bodied and with a flavor palette of cherries, blackberries and licorice. Light in tannins but well-structured, this is one smooth wine!

This wine would pair well with a dry Sonoma Jack, Gouda or Gruyere cheese. For a stellar entrée pairing try it with lamb kabobs.

2012 mbf Primitivo—Legendario!

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