

2010 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

2010 mbf Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knights Valley—Sonoma County

Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel. It's 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.

2010 Vintage
Bronze Medal - International Women's Wine Comptetition
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. Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

Brenda's Winemaking

Handle with care. 2010 is our second vintage of Primitivo and our winemaking 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 Freres barrels.

Tasting Notes

Deep red in color, and with a beautiful nose of cherry, tobacco and a hint of vanilla, this is a well-balanced, fruit-forward wine. The flavor profile is classic—think cherries, blackberries and a dash of pepper. The mouth-feel is lush. Just the right amount of tannins provide great structure to the wine and a little kick to the finish.

While we think this wine can be enjoyed alone, it will always pair well with barbecued meats and lamb.

Primitivo—first, original, fabulous!



Information

Vintage: 2010

Appellation: Knights Valley

Alcohol: 15.0%

Produced: 189 Cases

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