



2011 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

2011 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.

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. 2011 is our third 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 Freres barrels.

Tasting Notes

Garnet in color, this wine has very distinct aromatics of cherry and licorice. This is a lovely, well-balanced and fruit-forward wine. The flavor profile is classic—think cherries, blackberries and a dash of pepper. It's medium bodied and light in tannins. This is one smooth wine!

Our Primitivo pairs well with Gouda, Gruyere and Muenster cheese as well as with barbecued meats—especially lamb, and pasta.

Primitivo—È deliziosa!



Information

Vintage:	2011
Appellation:	Knights Valley
Alcohol:	15.0%
Produced:	174 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 81607 2

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