



## 2007 Canis Major Zinfandel

Mutt Lynch Winery's first wine in 1995 was a Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, from a vineyard not far from the Perotti Vineyard. Our Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel was the "raison d'etre" of our winery and continues to be our flagship Canis Major wine.

### 2007 Vintage

Silver Medal • 2009 Sonoma County Harvest Fair  
Silver Medal • 2010 Grand Harvest Awards  
Silver Medal • 2010 National Womens Wine Competition  
Silver Medal • 2010 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

### 2006 Vintage

Silver Medals • 2009 San Francisco Chronicle, 2009 San Diego,  
2009 SF International & 2009 CA State Fair Wine Competitions

### 2005 Vintage,

GOLD MEDAL • 2007 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

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### Perotti Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

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We have sourced our DCV Zinfandel from Ed and Bruce Perotti (father and son) since 1997. The land has been in the family for over 90 years and Bruce is a 3rd generation winegrower in the valley. Our Zinfandel block is a classic benchland vineyard with red soils. It is situated on the west side of the valley with an eastern orientation, getting early morning sun and late afternoon shade. This part of the valley typically yields Zinfandel wine with more elegant, balanced fruit profile. The 2007 harvest was on August 29.

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### Brenda's Winemaking - Her "Fog" Vintage

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Brenda calls 2007 her "fog" vintage. Not because of an abnormal weather pattern. Rather, her winemaking memories for the year are a bit "foggy" due to the birth of her twins Katie and Porter on August 16. By all recollections...

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. Brenda's oak regime was 100% French, with approximately 40% new Francois Freres barrels. The combination of Perotti fruit and Francois Freres French oak has become a "signature" for Brenda's Zinfandel. The wine spent 19 months in barrel before its May 2009 bottling.

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### Tasting Notes

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Deep, ripe berry fruit in the nose. Definitely dark fruits with this vintage. 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

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Vintage:	2007
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard:	Perotti Vineyard
Alcohol:	15.5%
Produced:	271 cases



*The constellation 'Canis Major' is famous the world over; resembling a large dog, it is known as 'The Greater Dog'. Canis Major seems a fitting name for our "big dog" wines.*

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