



HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL
2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 99-year old Highwire Vineyard takes its name from the vineyard's trellising system: half of the parcel is head trained and half is trained on an unusually high wire strung between each vine. This unconventional trellising method was devised by vineyard owner Lloyd Chelli, to permit greater sun exposure and promote even ripening. Both sections of the vineyard are harvested separately and evaluated individually before selecting the best lots to ensure consistency in style of the incredibly unique Highwire Zinfandel.

The Chelli family cares deeply for the old vines behind their home. Their dedicated approach to farming is reflected in the character of the wine produced from their vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

Consistently distinctive cracked white pepper nuances differentiate the Highwire single-vineyard Zinfandel from our other Zinfandel bottlings. Concentrated wild blackberry and boysenberry fruit flavors complement white pepper, nutmeg and allspice notes in this sought after single vineyard Zinfandel.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 45% new
Time in oak: 11 months
Alcohol: 16.2%
TA: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.66
Cases produced: 393
Unfined and Unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2009: **“Outstanding” 95 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2011
- 2009: **“Outstanding” 94 points** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2011
- 2008: **“Outstanding” 94 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2010
- 2007: **“Superb” 96 points** *The Wine Enthusiast*, August 2009
- 2007: **“Outstanding” 92 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2008
- 2006: **“Outstanding” 90 points** Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
- 2004: **“Outstanding” 91 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2005
- 2003: **“Outstanding” 93 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, February 2005
- 2001: **“Outstanding” 94 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, October 2003
- 2000: **“Outstanding” 91 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, August 2002
- 1999: **“Outstanding” 92 points** Robert Parker’s *The Wine Advocate*, December 2000