

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Platinum Series Selection



Platinum Plus!

Canard Vineyard 2011 Estate Bottled Zinfandel Napa Valley

Rich and Carolyn Czapleski searched far and wide for the perfect vineyard that could grow the red varieties they needed for crafting world-class wines. In 1983, they fell in love with a beautiful 25-acre, historic piece of property on the northwest corner of Dunaweal Lane and the Silverado Trail in Calistoga, and knew their search was over. The property was the original homestead of Captain Reason P. Tucker who led a Donner Party rescue team in 1847 and it included an old home with few acres of Zinfandel that today range in age from 80 to 120 years old.

After moving to the property, Rich hired a vineyard manager to help determine what best to do with the Old Vine Zinfandel, and he was advised to replant it in favor of the newer, more popular varietal Cabernet Sauvignon. Wineries including Robert Mondavi and Joseph Phelps started calling Rich, urging him to keep these vines that were some of the oldest Zinfandel plantings in Napa Valley and that had potential to make incredible wines. Rich ultimately kept the Zinfandel vines and over the years, added Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Sauvignon to the property. Currently there are 22 acres of vines planted and Canard Vineyard produces some 2,000 cases of wine each year.

Canard Vineyard started producing Zinfandel in 1984 with the help of Joel Petersen, and it is still their flagship varietal today. Joel Petersen founded Ravenswood Winery in Sonoma County and is known as one of the forefathers of putting Zinfandel on the map. His expertise, matched with the rare, distinctive fruit from Canard Vineyard proved to be a winning combination and Canard became a distinguished up and coming estate in the Napa Valley area. In 2006, Brian Graham took over the winemaking responsibilities and his efforts have been rewarded with countless ratings, medals, and honors from prestigious competitions and publications.

Today, Rich and Carolyn work with their small but talented team who share their desire to make the finest wines possible, while maintaining great integrity and respect for the land. Cheers!

*Just 265
Cases Produced!*



CANARD
VINEYARD

Zinfandel

NAPA VALLEY 2011
ESTATE BOTTLED



Accolades & Tasting Notes



91 POINTS

- *Connoisseurs' Guide*

The Canard Vineyard 2011 Estate Bottled Zinfandel was produced from the winery's estate vineyard in Calistoga and includes Zinfandel sourced from 80 to 100 year old, dry farmed vines. The result is not your typical Zinfandel. Structured, balanced, and incredibly elegant, Canard's 2011 Zinfandel offers seamless notes of rich, ripe raspberry, cedar, exotic spices, and a hint of sage brush. The palate is full bodied and lush with flavors of red cherries, sweet black plums, and hints of vanilla bean, coriander and smoke. Aged 19 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2020.

Retail Price at the Winery: \$45.00 /bottle

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