

PLUS!

Gold Series Selection

Pazzo
2008 Red Blend
Napa Valley

By even the sophisticated standards of Napa Valley, winery owner Claus Janzen is a most unique asset to the valley's wine community. Born in Germany, and raised in Canada, Janzen brings a remarkable international spirit to his wines and over the last 19 years has crafted one of the most distinctive wine portfolios within California. Janzen was first introduced to wine after college while working for a number of high caliber hotels in Switzerland. He developed an interest in premium wines, and in particular, the great Burgundies and Rhônes of France. Janzen was enamored with developments in Southeastern France specifically, where a close friend had produced the first Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend that astounded wine critics everywhere. He took this intriguing idea of crafting obscure wine blends with him to the Napa Valley, and with the help of Caymus Vineyards' owner Chuck Wagner, started his own winery in the early 1990s. Janzen named his winery Bacio Divino, literally "Divine Kiss" in Italian, acting as a synonym for the experience the blend of grapes had on the palate of anyone tasting the wine. He has since crafted some extraordinary blends with the Pazzo and Vagabond labels, and his wines have become some of the most sought after in the Valley. Now celebrating nearly twenty years of continued critical accolades and marvelous ratings by the wine community, Janzen and his wife Diane are truly delighted with their winery's success and strive to continue achieving wines of finesse and unmatched elegance from the Napa Valley.

90 POINTS!

-Robert Parker

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Proprietor Claus Janzen had an inkling that wine consumers were ready for a new blend and in 1999 Pazzo: a crowd-pleasing Sangiovese based blend that's bursting with flavor, unpretentious in style, and thoroughly enjoyable to consume. It was an instant success! Over the years, Pazzo has evolved to incorporate a number of different varietals, but stays true to its Sangiovese core and lively fruit character that have made it so popular today. Pazzo, which means 'crazy' in Italian, has also gained a following with the wine press and continuously earns notable ratings and distinguished awards at various competitions. *Robert Parker* awards the 2008 Pazzo **90 POINTS**: "The sexy, seductive 2008 Pazzo, a provocative blend of Sangiovese and other grapes. Always spicy, slightly herbal, but with loads of red and black fruits, the wine is delicious, savory, and lot of fun to drink. Claus Janzen continues to turn out *one of the best values in Napa. Outstanding!*" Aged 22 months in oak. 80% Sangiovese, 8% Merlot, 7% Syrah, 3% Viognier, 2% Petite Sirah. Enjoy now until 2016.

Winery Direct: \$32.00 /bottle

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*2 bottle min. order.

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