

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. I designed a new label reminiscent of this old bottle and created the Diamond Collection Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, Diamond Collection includes 13 varietals, each identified with a brightly colored label. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

-Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2013 ZINFANDEL

Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. Our Diamond Collection Zinfandel is crafted by blending fruit from different appellations, clone selections, soil types, and cultivation methods. We use both hot and cool climate Paso Robles fruit, including some from gravely clay loam soils similar to those in Australia's Barossa Valley. We also use Sonoma County fruit. By combining these different types of Zinfandel and then adding a small amount of Petite Sirah to the blend in order to balance the wine's jammy nature with added structure, we achieve a wine of greater complexity and character.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We thought we'd hit the jackpot with the 2012 vintage only to have another incredible season in 2013. Having great weather two years in a row optimizes the vines and is what makes the 2013 vintage even more spectacular than its predecessor. Our Zinfandel is a real showstopper. It developed richness and a velvety texture without getting overly jammy and is endowed with a great deal of aromatic complexity, showing off briary fruit the varietal is known for as well as an array of spice notes, earthy nuances, and a beautiful overlay of toasted oak.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Red violet

Aromas Flavors

Briary berries, red cherries, cloves, and dried flowers Plums, blackberry jam, and crème brûlée

Corey Beck, Winemaker



Appellation Blend Alcohol Total Acid pH Barrel Regimen Released California 77% Zinfandel, 23% Petite Sirah 13.3% .56g/100ml 3.62 12 months French oak November 2014

