



Girard

2008 MIXED BLACKS

NAPA VALLEY

TERROIR

The century-old vines are planted in a field blend style with various Rhone varietal and Zinfandel vines interspersed throughout the vineyard blocks. The grapes are harvested at the same time and processed in a co-fermentation style with everyone jumping into the pool at the same time. The resulting product is a wonderful old-world, field blend style wine.

VINTAGE

Our 2008 vintage is a medium-bodied mouthful of chocolate covered strawberries, wild plums and cassis with hints of vanilla extract, molasses and toasted tobacco. The 2008 vintage is a proprietary blend of Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Carignane, Grenache and Mourvedre.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-sorted and crushed to stainless steel fermentors. Pumpovers were done as gently as possible to avoid undesirable harsh tannin extraction. Pressed at dryness to 85% French and 15% American oak with a composition of 40% new oak for both barrel types.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION Field Blend of Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Carignane, Grenache and Mourvedre

GROWING REGION Napa Valley | **PRODUCTION** 350 Cases

ALCOHOL 14.5% | **pH** 3.80