

SPANN VINEYARDS MO ZIN, CALIFORNIA



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The Zinfandel and Petite Sirah are sourced from Dry Creek Valley, the Cinsault and Syrah from Sonoma Valley and the Mourvèdre from Amador County. Fermented in stainless steel tanks, malolactic fermentation for all varietals is completed in oak barrels. Aged 18 months, mostly in two- to six-year-old French oak barrels. The Mourvèdre spends six months in new American oak barrels.

Nestled among the majestic coastal redwoods of the Mayacamas Mountains, Spann Vineyards, owned by Peter and Betsy Spann, is 40 acres of vines, ponds and animal life cultivated for the benefit of the whole. Mostly this means that they leave it alone, a core principle of sustainable farming. Betsy notes, "...the sustainable activities I practice in the vineyard are pretty passive... I am willing to sacrifice the groomed (I like to say vacuumed) look of many vineyards to achieve a real balance in the land, which actually makes less work for me, not more." The steeply terraced mountainside vineyard yields small amounts of richly flavored grapes. From this and select cool-climate vineyards throughout Sonoma County they craft limited quantities of European-style blended wines, strongly influenced by Bordeaux, the Rhone Valley and Tuscany. They strive to create food-friendly, unique wines that are memorable in their purity, authenticity, distinctiveness, and enjoyment, and that blend seamlessly into the occasion, whether it be with friends on the patio or accompanying a formal dinner. Whatever the time or place, Spann Vineyards will linger pleasurably on your palate and in your memory.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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