

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2009 RVR

Rhone Varietal Red

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives considerably higher rainfall than seen below in Paso Robles.

The Wine

This medium-bodied blend - comprised of Grenache, Mourvedre, and a bit of Syrah - is inspired by the wines crafted in the Southern Rhone Valley of France.

This elegantly-structured wine features a pleasant, round mouthfeel with dark fruit aromas and flavors. French and American oak barrel-aging has given the **2009 RVR** subtle oak tannins accompanied by a variety of spice nuances. The Grenache provides the blend with an earthiness and pepper character, and the Syrah in the blend really pulls the dark stone fruit notes forward. The Mourvedre lends its dark color and abundant soft tannins to the finished blend. This wine will certainly benefit from several years in the cellar.

We enjoy this wine with lamb and other moderately-spiced protein. For Veggie lovers, eggplant cutlets with a tomato/basil sauce would be complemented by this wine very nicely.

The Blend

50% Mourvedre

15% Syrah

35 % Grenache

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2009 Vintage

Harvest date: September - November 2009

The three varieties were fermented individually in open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast. These grapes were fermented for 7 – 11 days on their skins then pressed in a pneumatic bladder press. Aged in *American and French Oak* for nearly 30 months.

The 2009 Vintage yielded just 81 cases.