

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2010 Mataro **Paso Robles**

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.

The Wine

Do you ever wonder if you're pronouncing *Mourvedre* correctly when you're chatting-up your favorite Rhone wines? In the tasting room, we've grown weary of hearing the question "How do you pronounce the *M wine*?" Just looking at the word might lead the reader to believe that it's merely a random assortment of vowels and consonants. It's intimidating and clumsy to pronounce properly (even for francophiles!) Well, we've solved that problem – Behold, the 2010 Nadeau Family Vintners *Mataro* (*Mataro* is the Spanish name for what the French call *Mourvedre*.)

The Nadeau Family Vintners' *2010 Mataro* is a medium-bodied wine which offers dark fruit aromas and flavors married with a spice component which complements this wine and lends it more complexity. Soft-tannins and balanced acid make this *Mourvedre* a food-friendly wine--ready to accompany a wide variety of fare. There's just enough oak to increase complexity without compromising the fruitiness of this wine.

The Blend

91% Mataro
9% Zinfandel

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation
100% 2010 Vintage
Harvest: Sept., 2008; Average Sugar @ Harvest: 25.1 Brix;
Finished Wine EtOH: 15.1% By Vol.

These *Mourvedre* grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 7 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was raked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in one—to—three year-old American and Eastern European oak barrels until final blending and bottling.

The 2010 Vintage yielded only *114 cases*.