

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2010 Mixed Black

Estate Reserve Blend

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 more rainfall than seen below in Paso Robles.

The **Wine**

This full-bodied blend is comprised of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Grenache – all from our Estate-grown fruit.

This wine is quite a departure from previous Mixed Black bottlings as we've decreased the Petite Sirah percentage so as to yield a less tannic, more "food friendly" wine. American and European oak-aging has lent the **2010 Mixed Black** soft oak tannins accompanied by subtle spice nuances. This nicely-structured wine features a pleasant, round mouthfeel with bright fruit aromas and flavors. The Grenache provides the blend with a slight earthiness and pepper character, while the Zinfandel in the blend really pulls the fruity raspberry notes forward, and the Petite Sirah lends its dark color and abundant soft tannins to the finished blend. This wine received plenty of oak aging time, so additional bottle aging isn't necessary.

The **Blend**

18% Zinfandel
27% Petite Sirah
55% Grenache

The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation
100% 2008 Vintage
Harvest date: September, 2010
Finished Alcohol: 14.4

The three **estate** cuvees were fermented individually in open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast. These resulting must was fermented for 12 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. Aged in *American and Hungarian Oak Barrels* for 25 months.

The 2010 Vintage yielded just under 113 cases.