

**Peirano Estate Vineyards
'The Immortal' Zin
2008 Old Vine Zinfandel, Estate Grown, Lodi**



Vineyard Notes:

2008 was a year that started off with a very dry spring, producing early water deficit stress on the vines and was followed by mild and cool summer months in Lodi in decades. In fact, June, July and August were cooler than September, October and November. Because of this, we had exceptionally long hang time for the fruit, giving it the chance to develop layers of flavors. Combine that with the low yield of our 113-year-old Zinfandel vines, and you can see why we were so excited by the intensity of the fruit. Plus, with 75 acres of what is the largest single block of head trained, natural rooted Zinfandel in the country, we had the opportunity to truly hand select the “cream” of the crop, making several passes through the block during the optimal ripeness window in late October of 2008. This ensured the fruit going in remained true to form for our flagship wine.

Winemaker Notes:

After hand-picking into half ton bins for the most delicate transporting of the fruit, the grapes were lightly crushed into the tank for fermentation. Fermented on the skins to dryness, it was then pressed and placed in French oak barrels, of which less than 20% were new wood. Aging in this way for 12 months, it was important to maintain and uplift all of the fruit components while using the oak to support each flavor to its fullest. After bottling, it was allowed further aging time to micro-mingle its flavors so each bottle is a full expression of the monarch of Lodi wines – ‘The Immortal’ Old Vine Zinfandel.

Tasting Notes:

The deceptively subtle aromas of this wine combine red and black cherry, mineral, earthy rhubarb and red fruit, with slightly spicy characters. In the mouth, the palate is wrapped in a velvety layered mix of sweet red cherry, strawberry, cocoa and juicy red fruit followed by light toast and smooth, chiseled tannins, leading to a lengthy, almost breathless finish. This is a wine for great food, friends and conversation, or an intimate meal for two by a flickering fire. Whichever your pleasure, our “Immortal” Old Vine Zinfandel will make it memorable.

Awards: Silver Medal - SF Chronicle Wine Competition

