



ANTICA NAPA VALLEY 2011 ZINFANDEL

Origin: Atlas Peak District - Napa Valley
Grapes: 100% estate-grown Zinfandel

In 2011, cuttings from ancient vines produced a wine with a black pepper and raspberry aroma profile and beautiful length on the palate.

Climate/Vintage:

Temperatures throughout the winter remained mild. A cooler than normal spring delayed budbreak and flowering. Rain during late May/early June affected fruit set and required a constant eye on the vines. Summer brought below normal temperatures yet abundant hours of sunshine as our high altitude vineyards were above the coastal fog that caused some problems for vineyards on the Napa Valley floor. Excellent weather conditions prevailed in September through early October with warm days and cool nights, allowing the Chardonnay grapes to ripen fully while preserving their bright, natural acidity.

Vineyard:

When the Antinoris began their development on Atlas Peak in 1986, there were very few vineyards nearby. One was Mead Ranch, which was planted in 1916 with Zinfandel. The Antinoris asked for cuttings from these vines to create a small planting of Zinfandel on their estate to ensure the continuity of these old vines. Antica's Zinfandel vineyard, a mere 0.7 acres, produces a miniscule amount of Zinfandel, but it is solidly rooted in the appellation's history.

Soprattutto is Italian for "above all," and reflects Piero Antinori's guiding principle when he selected the place for Antica Napa Valley: altitude. The estate is considered to be, above all, ideal winegrowing country. Piero knew that this property's particular location—with its steep terrain, rocky, well-drained soils and high elevation—also offered great potential for growing quality wine grapes. Soprattutto is our small collection of estate-grown wines which deliciously express the Antinori Family's rich Tuscan heritage now continued in Napa Valley.