

# 2009 VINTAGE

# What a year!

## 2009 MAPLE VINEYARDS zinfandel

*"This is rich and ripe in blackberry, currant, mocha, tobacco, cola and spice. It has a beautiful texture, feeling softly tannic and velvety, seemingly frictionless on the palate yet with fine grip. The head-trained vines are at least 50 years old."*

*Wine Enthusiast  
Steve Heimoff  
December 2012*

## 2009 BIG RIVER RANCH zinfandel

*"Dry, rich, heady, spicy and utterly delicious. As usual, it contains a splash of Petite Sirah. With complex flavors of wild blackberry and blueberry, black currant, licorice, cola, bacon and plum sauce, and a hint of exotic pepper and spice, this great Zinfandel is a joy to drink."*

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## 2009 BARREL 32 zinfandel

*"This small-production wine, a best-of-barrels selection, is softly tannic and silky, and its flavors of wild berry, currant, cola, spice and sandalwood should be enjoyed now. The mouthfeel is utterly luxurious, offering the best elements of a Napa Valley cult Cabernet, with the briary, rustically chic qualities of Zinfandel."*

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## 2009 BIG RIVER RANCH zinfandel

*"Structured straight through, without a hint of hyper ripeness. The blend is based on a 14-acre block of 110-year-old vines that's savory in the middle enriched by flavors of black cherries and crushed strawberries. Impressive for its length and breadth, and for the satisfaction it will give when more fully mature, ten years or more from the vintage."*

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## 2009 BELLE CANYON zinfandel

*"This buzzes with floral scents and plump strawberry flavor. Spice comes on to darken the tone of the wine, bringing eucalyptus and menthol as well as black cherry, all following a clean line. Built for food, this is ready to decant for meats off the grill."*

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