



2011 Temptation Zinfandel

Temptation Zinfandel gives winemaker Kevin Hall the freedom to produce a crowd pleasing wine by blending grapes from our favorite Zinfandel regions: Dry Creek Valley (50%), Suisun Valley in Solano County (40%) and Alexander Valley 10%.

2011 is a vintage that will go down in the record books. Rain at bloom lowered yields dramatically. That lower yield combined with the long hang time of the cool growing season intensified and concentrated the flavors. At harvest we selected the lots showcasing the bright berry flavors that we love in Zinfandel for Temptation.

Dry Creek zinfandel brings structure and black fruit to the blend, while Suisun Valley zinfandel adds just the right touch of ripe, jammy flavors and the Alexander Valley zinfandel adds elegant red fruit with raspberry and strawberry flavors. The Petite Sirah's inky dark color broadens the mid palate, the Sangiovese brightens the blend with a touch of acidity and strawberry notes and the Syrah adds notes of blackberry and black cherry.

This is a dark purple wine with aromas of red and black fruit, plum, black cherry and spice. There are ripe flavors of red cherry, black pepper, blackberry and wild strawberry highlighted by slight vanilla and black tea. This is a juicy wine with a fruity finish.

Food Pairing: This fun wine is meant for fun foods - grilled meats or chicken, pizza, pasta, try mac and cheese with a touch of poblano peppers and panko crumb topping.

Accolades: **2011:** Gold Medal & Best In Show: *Monterey Wine Festival*
2011: 89 points: *Beverage Testing Institute*

Profile:

- Fruit forward, easy drinking
- Great value

Label Artwork:

What better image to illustrate temptation than Adam and Eve and the first sin? Our inspiration for the label was the c. 1511 mosaic by Raphael that decorates the reception area of the Papal Apartments in the Vatican, known as "Stanza della Segnatura"- Room of the Signatura. With a gold leaf background the mosaic is one of the most stunning images created by Raphael and is seen by millions in the Vatican Museum in Rome. Healdsburg artist Chris Blum made a few changes to the original image including the strategic addition of grape leaves and grapes to carry out our wine connection.

Technical Data:

Grapes: 80% Zinfandel, 16% Petite Sirah , 2% Sangiovese, 2% Syrah
Harvest Dates: September 20 - October 12, 2011
Barrel Aging: 10 months American Oak
Closure: Stelvin
Appellation: California
First Vintage: 2004
Alcohol: 14.5% **pH:** 3.77 **TA:** 6.2 g/L

