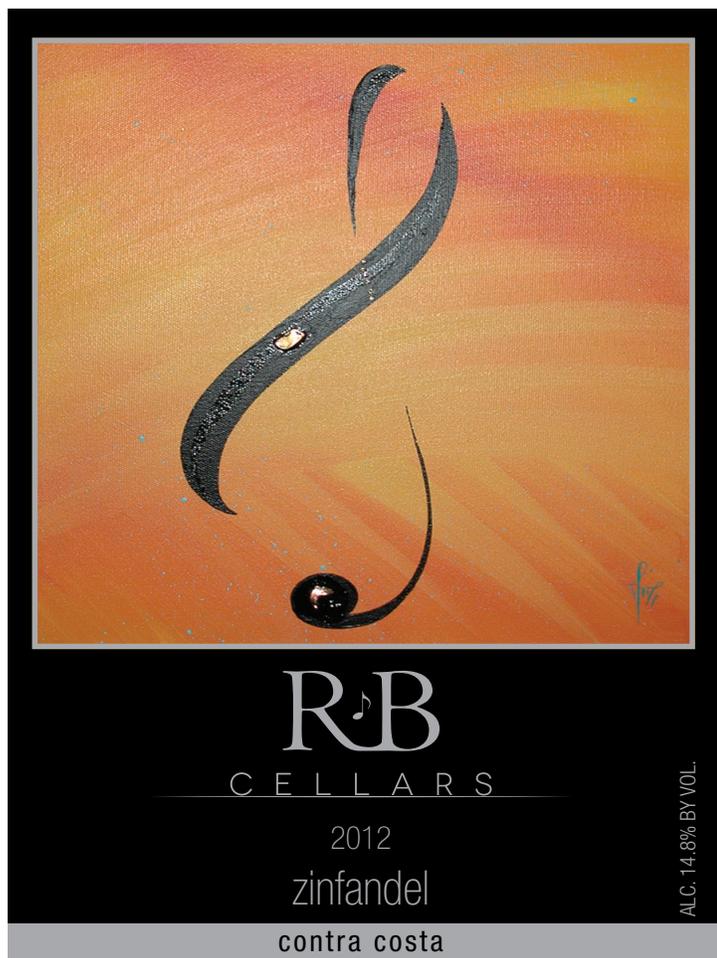


R&B Cellars

2012 Swingsville Zinfandel

Contra Costa

Vineyards:	95% Favalora Vineyard Contra Costa 5% Lovett Vineyard, Lake County
Composition:	95% Zinfandel 5% Petite Sirah
Bottled:	April 2013
Released:	May 2013
Production:	1000 Cases
Price:	\$17



Vineyards

With each new wine and each new varietal, we endeavor to create the best wine possible. It often means blending a small percentage of a complimentary varietal, thereby adding significantly to the complexity of the final wine. Our 2012 vintage is a combination of Zinfandel from Favalora Vineyard, an exceptional vineyard in Contra Costa and a small percentage of Petite Sirah from Lovett Vineyard in Lake County, adding considerable richness to the overall wine.

The Wine

In keeping with the tradition of the Swingsville Zinfandel, the Favalora fruit shows bright berry flavors, a delicious fruit forward characteristic without being over-the-top jammy, all surrounded by great structure and subtle tannins. The Lovett Petite Sirah was added in the final blend for additional richness, structure, color enhancement, and to punch up the darker berry fruit characteristics. The oak program, a combination of new French and American Oak, was limited so that the wine would be well balanced and supple. The wine was cross flow filtered, helping to level out the tannins, creating a beautiful, soft mouth-feel.

Winemaker's Comments

This wine is perhaps our best Swingsville to date. A wine with zesty complexity, it is full of blackberries and fresh strawberries, with creamy cherries and hints of delicious pepper and spice and tobacco notes. Toasty vanilla and a subtle, leathery, earthiness come from the oak program, creating a wine that is complex, yet eminently drinkable. Relish the elegant spicy aftertaste and the long, lingering, smooth, round finish. Match with a myriad of spicy foods or grilled meats. Or just sip it by itself and savor!