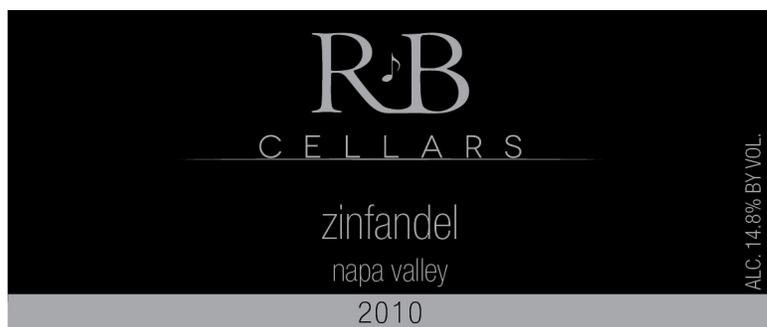


## **R & B Cellars** **2012 Zydeco Zinfandel** **Napa Valley**

<b>Vineyards:</b>	Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley
<b>Composition:</b>	95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2012
<b>Bottled:</b>	February 2015
<b>Released:</b>	April 2015
<b>Production:</b>	400 Cases
<b>Cooperage:</b>	100% French Oak 8 coopers – Jarnac, Rousseau, Martin, Boutes, Vicard, Seguin Moreau, Treuil, Radoux



***Aged 18 months in all brand new French oak***

### **Vineyards**

Bingham Ranch is one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. It has been in the same family since the mid 1800's, homesteading times, and was planted with vineyards in the 1950's. The Zinfandel was planted in the 1980's, and is on the northern edge of the ranch. It is a small berry clone that benefits from extended hang time for optimal ripeness.

### **The Wine**

Beautifully ripe fruit was harvested in late October, then crushed and de-stemmed into half ton macro bins. A three-day cold soak was done before fermentation. Hand punched down twice a day during fermentation and then gently pressed off and put into 100% French oak barrels. The wine was racked four times while aging in barrels, and then lightly filtered for bottling.

### **Winemaker's Comments**

Typical of a Napa zinfandel, the Bingham Ranch zinfandel is dark, rich, and intense. Blackberries and dark black cherries are the predominant fruits in this rich, extracted wine. The French oak is the perfect compliment to the fruit, adding hints of chocolate and toasty vanilla tones in the finish. The wine starts with an initial explosion of black fruit, and then opens layer upon layer of rich fruit and spice, to a long and mouth filling finish. Like the dynamic Zydeco music for which it is named, this wine will get your taste buds dancing!