



R&B Cellars 2014 Swingsville Zinfandel Contra Costa

Vineyards:	Zinfandel - Favalora Vineyard Contra Costa Del Barba Vineyard, Contra Costa
	Petite Sirah - Lovett Vineyards Lake County
Composition:	95% Zinfandel 5% Petite Sirah
Bottled:	February 2015
Released:	April 2015
Production:	2000 Cases

Vineyards

Three superb vineyards went into making this wine. With the belief that complementary growing regions and varieties can add significantly to the complexity of the final wine, this wine is 95% Zinfandel from two exceptional vineyards in Contra Costa County, the Favalora and Del Barba Vineyards, and 5% Petite Sirah from the Lovett Vineyard in Lake County. The blend of these two varieties adds considerable richness to the overall wine.

Winemaker's Comments

The fruit from Favalora and Del Barba is atypical in that it produces darker, blacker fruit flavors, rather than the softer, red berry flavors one normally expects from Contra Costa fruit, producing a zesty complexity, a deep, rich color and a beautiful, soft mouth-feel. The Petite Sirah from Lake County enhances the structure and color of the wine and punches up the darker berry fruit character. The wine is aged in American and French oak for 5 months before being released.

The bouquet shows black raspberries, cherries, and black cherries with hints of pepper and spice. The flavors are blackberries, black raspberries with creamy cherries, delicate tobacco notes, and an elegant spicy aftertaste.