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Fritz Cellars' Portfolio of Wines **2012 Late Harvest Zinfandel**

Winemaker's Notes:

Our 2012 Late Harvest Estate Zinfandel is handcrafted from 30 year old vines grown on the valley floor of our Estate, a 5 acre site that produces wines that are rich in color and flavor. In this garnet hued wine, brilliant aromas of blackberries, red currants, and spices abound with subtle undertones of cocoa. This Zinfandel is perfectly balanced with well structured tannins and bright acidity, with just a hint of sweetness. Flavors of blackberry and Bing cherry lead to an elegant finish.

-Winemaker Brad Longton

Technical Data:

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Varietal: Zinfandel

Harvest Date: October 2012

Barrel Aging: 9 months

Alcohol: 16.5%

Production: 250 cases

Production Notes:

Whole berries were transferred to open top fermenters to help capture bright fruit aromas and flavors. The tanks were cold soaked for three days then warmed and inoculated with native yeast. Punch downs occurred in the tanks 2-3 times each day for 10 days, allowing skin contact for color. Press off took place when the residual sugar had reached the appropriate levels. It was then placed in neutral French Oak barrels for 9 months.