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## 2008 Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County California

Platinum Medal "Best of Class"  
Zinfandel, Sommelier Challenge 2011

Grapes:	100% Zinfandel
Harvest:	September 17 & 25, 2008
Sugar at Harvest:	25.0 Brix
TA:	0.56
Alcohol:	16.5%
R.S.:	.058%
PH:	3.68
Bottled:	June 30, 2010
Released:	October 1, 2011
Cases Produced:	750 (sold out)

**Cases to Nova Scotia: 30** UPC 7 0510551193 1

**T**he fruit comes from two excellent vineyards in Dry Creek Valley, Carreras Ranch, a 90-year old hillside vineyard on the Dry Creek Bench and Leila's Vineyard in the heart of Dry Creek Valley, planted from Rockpile Road cuttings. The grapes are harvested at night to insure cool fruit coming into the cellar. Fermentation is traditional, with three punch-downs per day for approximately two weeks until the wine is dry. After light pressing, the wine is aged in two-year old French and American oak barrels for approximately 18 months.

**Tasting Notes:** The '08 Zinfandel is rich, bold and full bodied with dark cherry fruit and mocha in a fruit forward style. Having flavours of blackberry and licorice, the wine is rich and chewy in the middle,



750ml NSLC SKU: 1017174

finishing with big, fleshy tannins. It's a meal in your mouth.

**Food pairing:** This Zinfandel goes well with osso bucco or a rich spaghetti Bolognese.

**Serve Temp** 15°C/60°F

**Gold:** 2013 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

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**Wine of the Week 4 stars:** 2012 PressDemocrat.com

*n.b.* As of this shipment, 2008 sold out: 2009 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel available for order

Also available in NSLC: **2010 Sonoma County Chardonnay** SKU 1017175

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Seriously good wine shouldn't have to come with a seriously obscene price or attitude—but it should come with great grapes, great provenance and great care.

*A bit of a Bluenoser's best comes home*

**B**eing born in Antigonish, besides **Paul Brasset's** firm roots he's been working in wine since 1968 in the Healdsburg area of Sonoma County. As Winemaker, he helped start **Clos Du Bois**. Expertise includes

- 13 years at **White Oak** on Chardonnay: most vintages listed in Most Awarded in America, his 1990 won White Wine Sweepstakes Award at Sonoma County Harvest Fair (largest regional competition in the US).
- Consulting Winemaker at **Christopher Creek**, his 1990 Syrah and Petite Sirah both Most Awarded in America.
- His **Pezzi King** Cabernet Sauvignon 1996 hit James Laube's (Wine Spectator) Best Value in California, Wine News his 1995 Zinfandel of the Year and 1996 Best Value Syrah.
- His 2002 Chardonnay earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> White Wine Sweepstakes Award, he also helping to design (then) **Roshambo**.
- In 2003, Paul was hired as winemaker and advisor to Sidney Frank (Grey Goose Vodka), allowing him to launch his own Bluenose.

His **2006 Dry Creek Zinfandel** won the Gold Medal (Critics Challenge) & 91 Connoisseurs' Guide Rating. "...a wonderfully tasty, easy-to-drink Zin of a style we see far too infrequently these days, and its polish makes it one that will prove a very partner to a wide range of foods." See this interview with Paul, the "zinking:" <http://wineoh.tv/discovering-downtown-healdsburg>