

2008 Buck Hill Vineyard Zinfandel

100% Buck Hill Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.1%

pH: 3.57

TA: 6.4 g/L

Barrel aging: 13 months in 20% new and 80% 1 and 2 year old French oak

Cases produced: 118

After searching a few years to locate a single vineyard source for Zinfandel, I finally came upon a great one at Randy Apel's Buck Hill Vineyard in Santa Rosa. Charlie Chenoweth had told me about this site in the summer of 2007, and it took about all of 3 minutes after meeting Randy and checking out the old Zin vines for me to ask for some fruit. The vineyard was harvested in early October 2007, and right away I knew I had found a magical source for Zinfandel.

The 2008 Buck Hill Vineyard Zinfandel is very similar to the 2007 version, only slightly toned down. The big raspberry/blackberry aromas are the most prominent feature in the nose, and the lush, fruity palate has a great balance of acidity throughout the finish. Like most fruit-forward Zins, this should be enjoyed anytime over the next 4 years.

