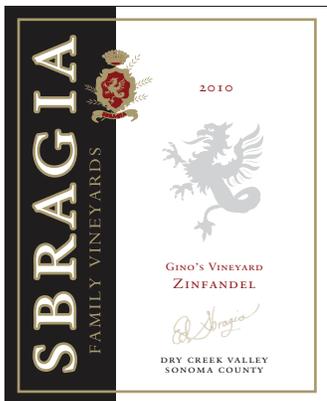




# SBRAGIA

## FAMILY VINEYARDS

### 2010 GINO'S VINEYARD ZINFANDEL



#### VINEYARD

Named after my dad, this 55-year old vineyard is five acres in size and has a very special place in my heart. Located on a rocky hillside bench on the eastern side of Dry Creek, it's the place I used to play as a child, and where my son Adam was first introduced to viticulture. The selection of Zinfandel, Carignane and Petite Sirah grown in Gino's Vineyard represents a traditional field blend my Father made each year.

#### VINTAGE

Rainfall returned after three dry years, pushing bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the front end of the growing season. Fortunately the cloud cover meant there was no frost damage in 2010. The summer brought cooler than normal temperatures, and this coupled with unexpected heat spikes in late summer resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields. Cooler than average temperatures returned again in early September but gave way to a warm and consistent Indian summer that was just the ticket, bringing good flavor and color development to grapes across the board.

#### WINEMAKING

This field blend is co-fermented, integrating the flavors from each grape variety early in the wine's development. After fermentation the wine was aged for 18 months in 100% French Never oak barrels. The oak imparts cedar and brown spice aromas and flavors and creates supple tannins. By blending in a small amount of Carignane and Petite Syrah we were able to create a Zinfandel with deep flavor and enhanced structure, while still highlighting the quintessential Dry Creek Zinfandel characteristics.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This wine is a tribute to my father in more ways than one. We make my red wines the way my Dad taught us - keep the barrels clean and topped, and the wine will take care of itself. The 2010 vintage is full of lush ripe red fruit. It has a core of sweet red currant and strawberry. Good acidity and a bright finish make this a great match for many foods.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Date: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Blend: 86% Zinfandel, 9% Carignane, 5% Petite Syrah  
Alcohol: 14.9%  
TA: 7.42 gm/L  
pH: 3.70  
Cases Produced: 694

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