



CHARLES B. MITCHELL
Vineyards



Harvested; Bottled

10/21/13; 6/2/15

Appellation

Fair Play

Varietal(s)

Zinfandel

Brix at Harvest

25.5

Quantity

150 Cases

Alcohol

14.7%

Spanish Creek Vineyard, Old Vine Zinfandel 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Winemaker's Notes

Zinfandel is a variety of red grape planted in over 10 percent of California vineyards and hails from the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. The California Gold Rush in the 1850s brought the first Zinfandel vines to the Sierra Foothills.

This Old Vine Zinfandel fruit was grown in the southwest corner of the Mount Akum area in a sandy loam soil. Spanish Creek Vineyard is consistently harvested in the mid-season of the Fair Play AVA, allowing some good hang time. By enjoying a long growing season, the grapes are allowed to develop more intense flavor, color and complexity, characteristics of great wines.

The Charles B. Mitchell Reserve 2013 Reserve Zinfandel is full-bodied, jammy, briary, and brambly with flavors of ripe cranberry and just a hint of French Oak and a slight black pepper finish. This wine will be best enjoyed after bottle aging for at least 6 months and continued aging for up to 5 years.

Food Recommendations: Lamb Shanks, Grilled Steak, Pizza, Grilled Fish, Dolmas, Chicken Cattiatore.

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Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.