



2009
NACHISE
Rhône Blend

THE VINTAGE

This is the best vintage we have seen since first working with Arizona fruit in 2002. This year was dry and warm. We got a little rain here-and-there, just at the right time. The majority of our red varietals reached physiological ripeness at lower brix (sugar %) levels than they had ever previously. In a nutshell, this means that we had lots of color and flavor without a lot of sugar - and this means lower alcohol levels—thus more elegant, balanced wines.

THE GROUNDWORK

This wine is our Rhône Blend. Using classic Rhône varietals; Syrah, Grenache, Petite Syrah and Mourvedre, to name a few, our winemakers take the time to taste each barrel before the final blend for Nachise is created. We want to show the best of the best in this wine, year after year. The final blend will change each year, but you can rest assured that the Nachise that we offer you will always be an outstanding wine in the classic style of the Rhône Valley.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wine has beautiful aromas of concentrated dark fruits, mocha, tar, sweet cigar smoke, hints of black tea, star anise, and pumpkin pie spice. The palate is immediately full and textured, with alluring crushed blackberry, plum, raspberry jam, and hints of stone fruit, transitioning to plenty of mid palate grip and underlying nuances of dried rosemary and bittersweet cocoa. Very balanced and multi-layered finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Great with any type of game, roast lamb and grilled vegetables.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Grapes: Syrah, Grenache, Petite Sirah and Mourvedre

Vineyards: Arizona Stronghold and Bonita Springs

Alcohol: 14.3%

Ageing: Neutral and French Oak

Cases: 2140

Bottled: 7.28.2010

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