

2008 Vintage Tasting Notes

Lamborn Family Vineyards

Howell Mountain Zinfandel

“Frosty”

The Lamborn Family is pleased to introduce the twenty-sixth release of their Howell Mountain Zinfandel.

Farming is farming, be it grapes, apples, corn; or in the case of California, cannabis. Farmers know all too well that the weather can be your best friend or your worst enemy. 2008 was a mixed bag of good and bad: quality was good, quantity was bad. Spring frost in Napa is a common occurrence. Wind machines and over-head sprinklers are a farmer’s first (and really only) defense. These devices have a limited impact of 2-3 degrees which is normally adequate, but not in 2008.

April 11, 2008, Napa experienced the worst frost in almost 30 years when many vineyard temperatures plunged to 21 degrees F. The average crop loss was around 35%, but some had losses of as much as 75%. Because Lamborn Family Vineyards sits at the very edge of a 1,700 foot drop into Pope Valley, the cold air spills off our vineyard and into the valley below. That air movement is just enough to spare us from damage, and spared we were. Honoring our good fortune, we have named this vintage “Frosty.”

The following is winemaker Heidi Barrett’s description of this estate grown, Howell Mountain Zinfandel:

“The 2008 Vintage Lamborn Zinfandel displays the anticipated characteristics of Howell Mountain fruit from their estate vineyard. The nose and palate are rewarded with rich layers of raspberry, black cherry and plum, all in perfect balance with subtle oak undertones and the lasting benefit of a long and spicy finish. The elegance and complexities of this vintage make it enjoyable with or without the compliment of food. A classic Lamborn Family Zinfandel! “

Harvested:	September 6th
Cases Produced:	737
Alcohol:	15.4%