## LAMBORN FAMILY VINEYARDS

## **Lamborn "The Diamond Anniversary" Zinfandel 2012**

Gelebrating 30 Years

100% estate grown Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Zinfandel

We experienced a slightly later than average bud break on April 23rd but, from that day through harvest September 27th, our weather was dry and warm; in June we had 22 days where the temperature was high 70's to low 80's (as compared to 13 days in 2011). Based upon the weather alone we normally would have harvested much earlier, but the 19.5 hanging tons of fruit required longer to ripen. Because of the "perfect" growing conditions, the vineyard was much more vigorous than normal which (1) required considerably more hours of training and canopy management, and (2) blessed us with an abnormally large crop. When all was said and done we bottled 1,029 cases of 2012 Zinfandel - a textbook perfect growing season!



## Winemaker Heidi Barrett's tasting notes:

"The nose immediately presents sumptuous notes of black cherry and raspberry, driven by the medium toast of new American oak. Fresh spice aromas give way to underlying tones of rich red fruit, briar, cinnamon, and vanilla. Supported on a solid foundation of maximum color extraction, this is a Zinfandel of incredible balance and smoothness. Dark fruits, pepper, and spice on the front palate give way to subtle crushed rock and mineral nuances with a luxuriously long finish. Another elegant Lamborn Zinfandel, this is one not to be missed!"

Winemaker: Heidi Barrett
Appellation: Howell Mountain

Varietal: 100% estate grown Zinfandel

Harvested: September 27, 2012

Cases Produced: 1,029
Alcohol: 15.3%
Membership price: \$45/bottle