



## 2011 mbf Primitivo

*The foundation of my limited production mbf (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes—Brenda Lynch*

### **2011 mbf Primitivo, Speedy Creek Vineyard Knights Valley—Sonoma County**

*Primitivo is a close cousin to Zinfandel. It's name derives from the terms primativus or primaticcio, which refer to the grape's tendency to ripen earlier than other varieties. However, Speedy Creek Vineyard's hillside location and more extreme growing conditions produce small intensely flavored berries that ripen later in the growing season.*

#### *2011 Vintage*

*Silver Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair*

*Bronze Medal - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

#### *2010 Vintage*

*Bronze Medal - International Women's Wine Competition*

*Bronze Medal - Sonoma County Harvest Fair*

#### *2009 Vintage*

**BEST IN CLASS**—*San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

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### **Speedy Creek Vineyard, Knights Valley**

I first hiked the Speedy Creek Vineyard in Knights Valley with owners Dave and Kathy Burton in 2008. Speedy Creek refers to the "speed" of their seasonal winter creek as it cascades down alongside their hillside vineyard. The Burtons are committed to sustainable growing practices and Dave's Primitivo grapes have an intensity of character reflective of this true hillside terroir.

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### **Brenda's Winemaking**

**Handle with care.** 2011 is our third vintage of Primitivo and our wine-making approach remains consistent—gentle handling and oak aging. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs. The wine was barreled down dirty and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine was aged in 100% French Oak barrels for 18 months, with approximately 50% new Francois Freres barrels.

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### **Tasting Notes**

Garnet in color, this wine has very distinct aromatics of cherry and licorice. This is a lovely, well-balanced and fruit-forward wine. The flavor profile is classic—think cherries, blackberries and a dash of pepper. It's medium bodied and light in tannins. This is one smooth wine!

Our Primitivo pairs well with Gouda, Gruyere and Muenster cheese as well as with barbecued meats—especially lamb, and pasta.

Primitivo—È deliziosa!



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### **Information**

Vintage:	2011
Appellation:	Knights Valley
Alcohol:	15.0%
Produced:	174 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 81607 2

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