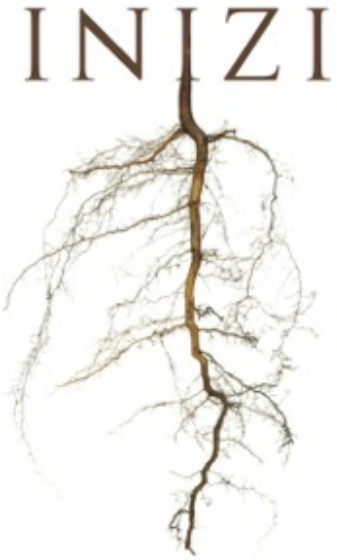
2013 INIZI Charbono|*Calistoga, Napa Valley*

Varietal- 100% Charbono



Vineyards- Our INIZI Charbono vineyard is owned and farmed by Heitz Bros Vineyards. Although the property has been in the Heitz family for generations the vineyard remains unnamed. We affectionately call it "Flynnville". Flynnville is what many Napa Valley locals call the southern Calistoga area. The vineyard itself is 1.5 acres of 40 year old head trained, dry farmed vines.

Yield: 3.5 tons/acre.

Vintage- The 2013/2014 winter was one of the driest on record. A benefit to the drought conditions was smaller berry sizes and therefore more concentrated flavors. Spring was dry and warm which created ideal fruit set conditions. That dry weather continued through harvest, which allowed us to pick at ideal ripeness.

Fermentation: The grapes were hand sorted, de-stemmed, and dumped into an open-top fermenter whole berry, with 30% whole clusters. The whole clusters provide a very intense aromatic background while producing a backbone of soft tannin.

Harvest Dates: October 22st, 2013

Winemaker/Owner: John Harley

Viticulturist/Owner: A.J. Filipelli

Vineyard Owner: Mark Heitz

Cooperage & Aging: The wine was aged in 15% once used french oak barrels and 85% Neutral french oak barrels for 10 months.

Bottling: August 26th, 2014

Production: 320 cases

Sensory Notes: This wine is inky in appearance. Incredibly concentrated aromas of blueberry, fall spices, dusty leather, and fresh cream. The acid is prevalent but is in perfect contrast with the wines tannin. While the looks of it may scream "tannins" it's surprisingly soft on the pallet and extremely pleasant to drink.

Final Technical Information: **pH**: 3.69 **TA:** .70 **Alc**: 13.2% **RS:** <0.05g/L

Available Formats: 750ml

Suggested Retail Price: $32.00

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